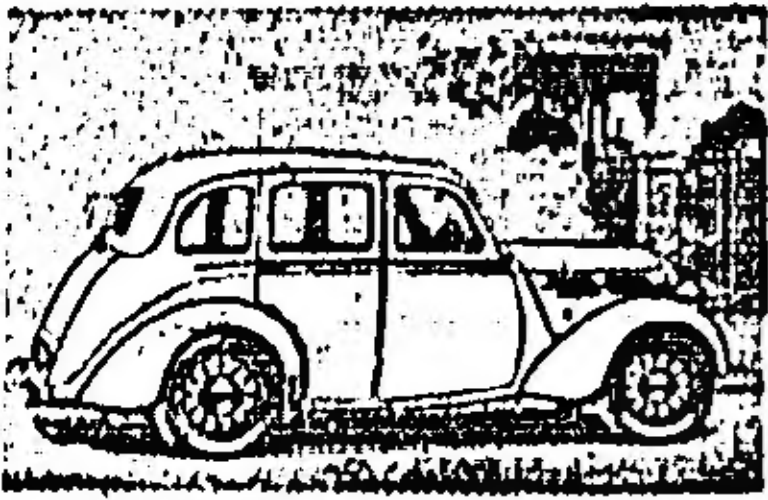


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Big Red Drive To Capture Finland's Second Largest City Continues RUSSIANS CLAIM CAPTURE OF GATEWAY TO CITY OF VIBORG

Moscow—Radio Announces Entry Into City and Fortress of Koivisto

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, FEB. 21 (UP).—RADIO-MOSCOW OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THAT THE RUSSIAN FORCES WHICH BROKE THROUGH THE MANNERHEIM LINE SOUTH OF SUMMA HAVE CAPTURED THE CITY AND FORTRESS OF KOIVISTO.

Koivisto is the gateway to Viborg (Viipuri), second largest city in Finland.

Viborg Compromised

The fortresses guard the sea entrance to Viborg which, if the Russian claim is substantiated, is now seriously compromised.

Fighting has been on a tremendous scale, the desperate Finns contesting every inch of ground.

The Russians are using their mechanised units to considerable effect and, in addition, are attacking the Finnish positions from the air on a scale that makes previous aerial offensives in world history child's play.

The Finnish air force, inadequate as it is to take off for aerial combat with overwhelming numbers of Russian machines, is giving battle wherever possible in an effort to stem the Russian bombing and strafing raids.

The Russians claim that 47 Finnish pursuit planes were brought down in aerial combat during yesterday.

UNEQUAL CONTESTS

The Russian communique states that the retreating Finns have been forced to abandon large quantities of war materials.

To-day's Finnish communique remains silent on the threat to Viborg, but claims that elsewhere on the Isthmus front the Russians are being held.

East Coast Attacks

Ships Raided By Enemy Planes

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Several ships were attacked this afternoon by enemy planes off the Northumberland, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Suffolk coasts.

An S.O.S. from one of the attacked ships was heard by wireless listeners on the Norfolk coast.

Air raid warnings and gunfire were heard in south east Essex.

White Paper

New Aid For The Colonies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The allocation of a maximum of £5,000,000 a year for 10 years for assistance to colonial Governments is one of the main points in a statement of policy on colonial development and welfare just issued.

The starting point for a new vigorous colonial drive is the publication of a map and recommendations of the West India Royal Commission, which the Commission states "may commend themselves to His Majesty's Government even in the dark days now befallen on the world."

The recommendations include an annual grant of £1,000,000 for 20 years to be administered by a special organisation for general improvement of education and health services, slum clearance, creation of labour departments, provision for social welfare facilities and land settlement in the West Indies.

Political Federation Aim

After making detailed recommendations in various fields, the report declares that political federation is not of itself appropriate means of meeting the pressing needs of the West Indies, but it is the end to which the policy should be directed.

The Government's statement on general colonial policy firstly expresses anxiety to act promptly in the spirit of the recommendations as a whole, to provide £350,000 for such schemes as can be begun immediately.

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ENGLISHWOMAN TELLS OF NAZI INTERNMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (UP).—The first reliable account of the experiences of British women in German internment prisons, following the occupation of Poland, was given exclusively to the "United Press" to-day by Miss Ida Daniels, in a telephonic interview from Rotterdam.

Miss Daniels was formerly governess to the children of Prince Czartoryski, who had a big estate near Cracow.

It was there that Prince Bernhardt and Princess Juliana of the Netherlands spent part of their honeymoon. Declaring that Holland "looks like heaven" after her experiences of the past few months, Miss Daniels said: "We spent four months in prison.

Often we had bad food, although everybody was nice to us. "On October 21 we were ordered to report at Cracow and allowed to take only a rug, soap, and a toothbrush.

"Afterwards we were taken to the Beuthen concentration camp, where we met the other women of our party. Here we were treated decently, although the food was bad."

Germany's Threat To Sweden

Amazing Allegation Against Hitler

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20 (UP).—Accusations that Germany had threatened to involve Sweden in a general war if the Swedes actively participated in the military defence of Finland, were made in leading Scandinavian papers to-day.

They stated that the declarations by the Swedish Prime Minister and King Gustav did not reveal the precise reasons why the Swedish Government considered it would be drawn into a war.

However, observe the newspapers, it is clear that some country, or countries, have been threatening Sweden with war, and it is generally known that Germany was the country to do so.

WESTERN FRONT

Marched Into Nazi Lines

How French Patrol Was Ambushed

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Further details of the ambush in which 20 French soldiers were killed on Monday shows that it occurred when two lorries, packed with troops to relieve others in the Front Line, drove by mistake across No-man's-land into the German line.

The German outposts commanding that road fired the lorries with machine-gun fire and threw hand-grenades at them.

Great Thaw Sets In

The great thaw has now set in at the Front reducing everything to mud and water; hence operations are few and the sectors are generally calm with the exception of the Rhine sector where sporadic exchange of fire continues.

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Death Of Mayor Of Tokyo

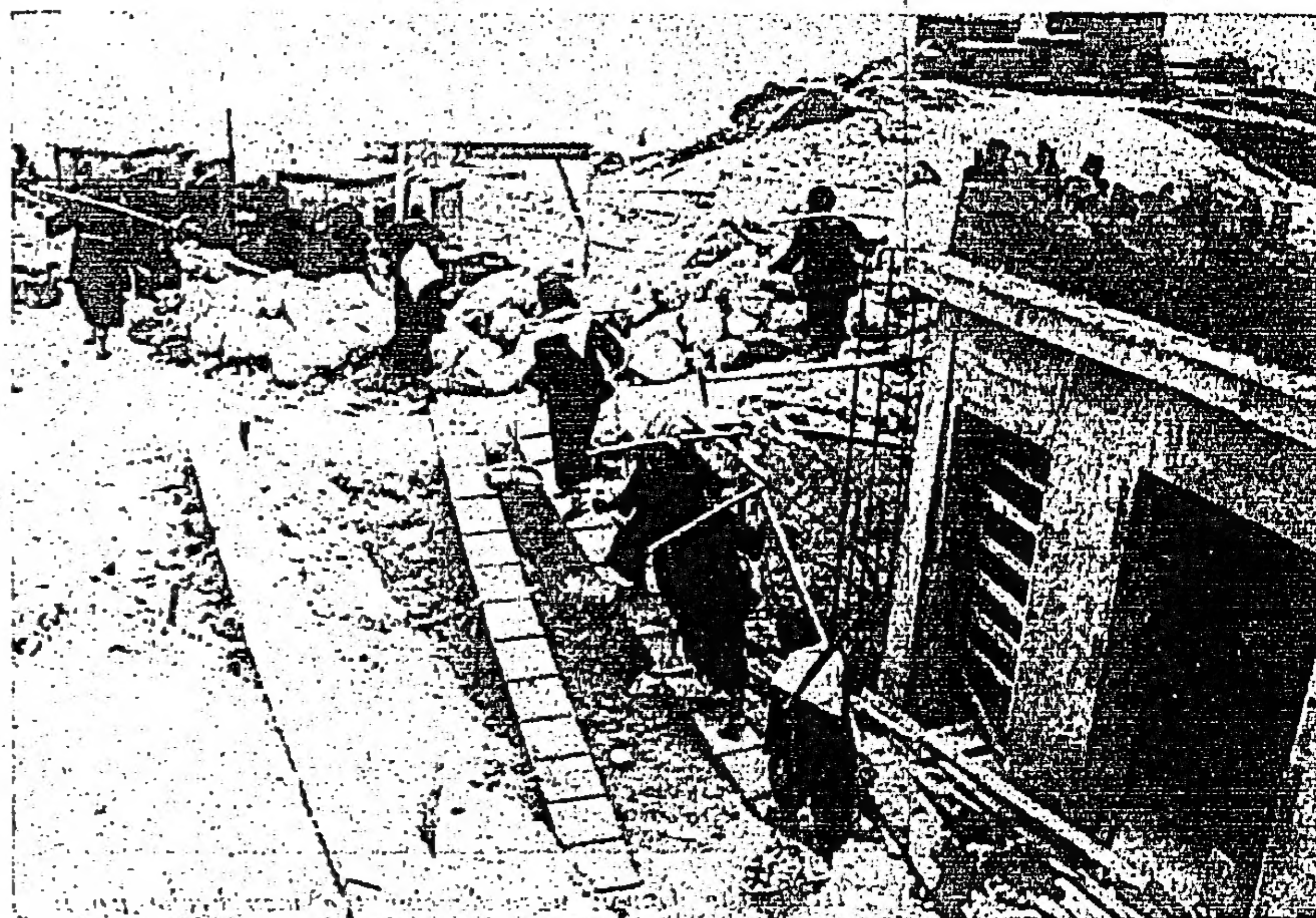
TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The death has occurred of the Mayor of Tokyo.

Minister of Communications in the Hirota Cabinet of 1936-7, he was for many years a leading member of the Minseito Party.

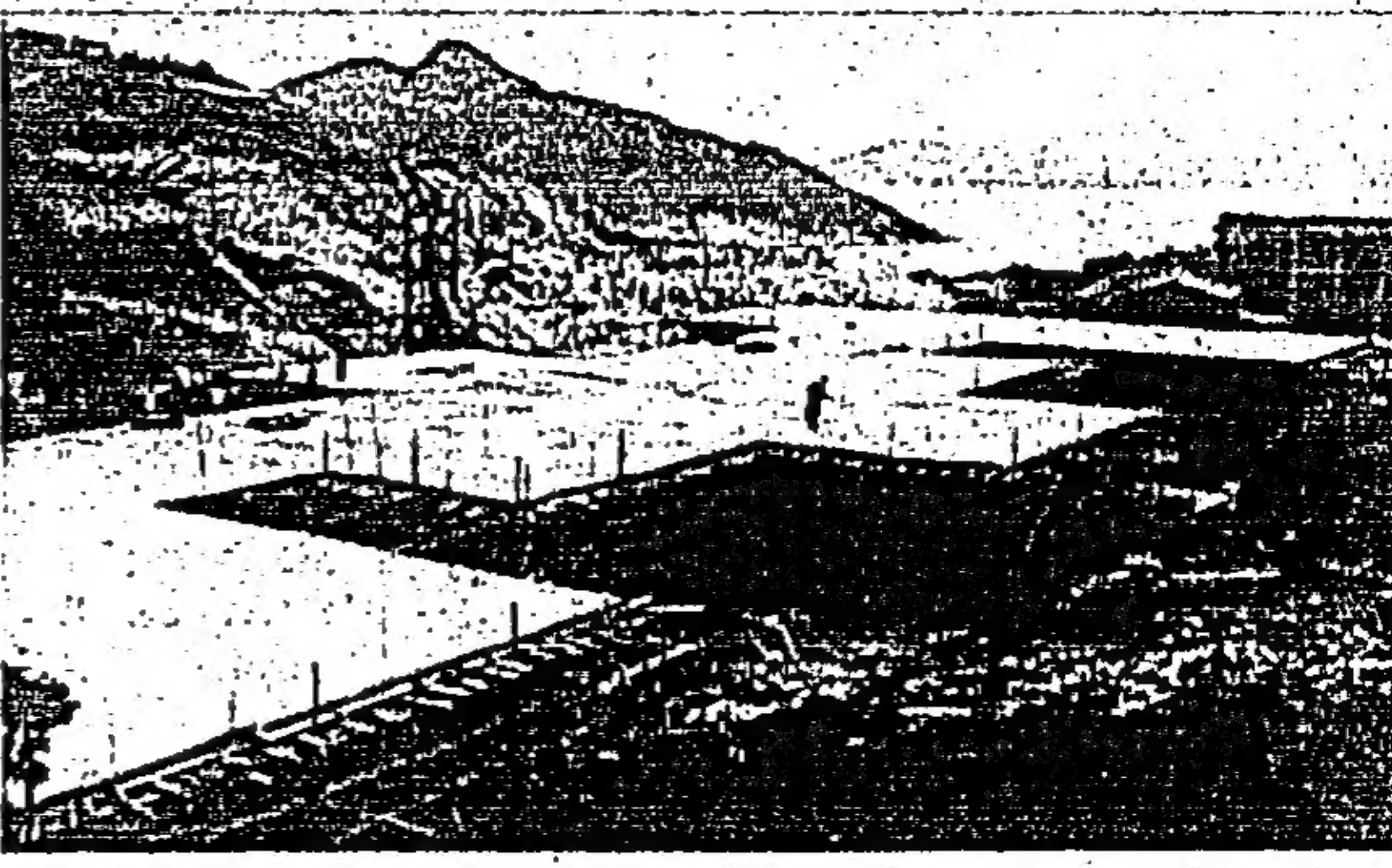
HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, daily in the "Telegraph".

photographs will appear of Hongkong's defence preparations. These



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"This Admirably Conducted Operation"

Premier on The Altmark Episode

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, described the release of British prisoners from the Altmark as "this admirably conducted operation."

Loud cheers greeted this description when Mr. Chamberlain reviewed the circumstances which led to the escape of the 299 British seamen from the German ship.

These prisoners, said the Prime Minister, were closely confined in a German naval supply ship for more than three months.

Government's Satisfaction

"His Majesty's Government are at present awaiting full reports from the naval officers concerned in this very gallant affair, but I am sure that the House will join the Government in the satisfaction they feel at the release of officers and crews of the vessels sunk by the 'Great Speer' (Cheers) after their long ordeal, and that Members will desire also to congratulate the Royal Navy most

heartily upon this notable addition to its annals.

"Apart from the original protest handed to Lord Halifax on February 17, we have received no official communication from the Norwegian Government, but I have seen on account in the Press of the full statement made by M. Koht in the Storting last night, and I desire to make certain comments thereupon at once (Cheers).

"I feel bound to say that the account makes the action, or rather the inaction, of the Norwegian Government even more difficult to understand. PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

Commons Cheers The Anzacs

Eden's Statement Warmly Received

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Cheers punctuated the statement by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, in the House of Commons this afternoon on his visit to Egypt to greet the Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I sought to express to the Australian and New Zealand troops," said Mr. Eden, "the welcome I feel sure this House and every section of opinion in this country would wish me to extend them."

"The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in the Middle East is yet another proof of solidarity, and that the British Commonwealth is with us in a common cause."

Beyond All Praise

"I need hardly add that the exceptionally high physical standard of the

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LATEST

British Warships Off Finland

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—According to a Rome despatch, the Italian Press reports the presence of British cruisers near Petsamo, near which German ships enter the long passage of Norwegian waters.

It is stated that Germany has forced the Allies to consider these waters in a special light. The "Avanti", commenting upon the report, asks: "What are the intentions of the British Admiralty?"

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th February. Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 14th February. Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" Paris date, 14th February. Feb. 21.
Calcutta and Straits. Feb. 21.
Java and Manila. Feb. 21.
Japan. Feb. 21.
Shanghai. Feb. 21.
Straits. Feb. 21.
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 14th February. Feb. 22.
Amoy. Feb. 22.
Bangkok and Saigon. Feb. 22.
Haiphong. Feb. 22.
Canton. Feb. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.). Feb. 23.
Shanghai. Feb. 24.
Canton. Feb. 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.). Feb. 24.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 17th February. Feb. 25.
Straits. Feb. 25.
Canton. Feb. 25.
Japan. Feb. 25.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 21
Straits and Calcutta. 11.00 a.m.
Parcels. 11.00 a.m.
Shanghai. 1.30 p.m.
Straits. 2.30 p.m.
Swatow. 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 29th February.
K. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 21, 7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 28th February.
K. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 22, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 22
Canton. 7.15 a.m.
Straits. 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai. 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong. 1.30 p.m.
Amoy. 7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 23
Amoy and Shanghai. 10 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai. 2.30 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 24
Straits. 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Tientsin. 2.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London 3rd March.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.
Haiphong. 5.30 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 25
Shanghai. 9 a.m.
Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamau, Rabaul and Tulagi. 9 a.m.
Monday, Feb. 26
Canton. 7.15 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America. 11 a.m.
San Francisco due San Francisco 17th March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Parcels. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.
Reg. Feb. 26, 9.45 a.m.
Ord. Feb. 26, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong. 1.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hothow. 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 27
Straits and Calcutta. 11 a.m.
Parcels. Feb. 27, 11 a.m.
Reg. Feb. 27, Noon.
Ord. Feb. 27, Noon.
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin. 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Naples due Naples 24th March.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Reg. Feb. 27, 2.45 p.m.
Ord. Feb. 27, 3.30 p.m.



After a lunch of roast pork followed by Christmas pudding and beer the inmates started their party. The women went to their wards for dancing. Here are some of them at "Knees-Up Mother Brown."



While the women were dancing the men broke up into groups. Some to play 501 up at darts—

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Abbey Service For Lord Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that memorial services for the late Lord Tweedsmuir are being arranged in Westminster Abbey and St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, to take place on Thursday.
The funeral will be private.
Mr. Eden added that he was sure the House would wish him to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the great services which Lord Tweedsmuir had rendered to the Empire, and of expressing deep sympathy with his family.

Churchill Cheered

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—When Mr. Winston Churchill took his seat in the House of Commons to-day he was greeted with cheers.

The Weather Prophet

Pretends He Is Our Enemy

By An Air Correspondent
A WEATHER forecaster in the Meteorological Office plays a strange game every day—he pretends to be a German in the German weather department.

Since the war began Germany has been cut off from the supply of weather information necessary for making accurate forecasts. Britain, France, Holland and Belgium no longer publish weather information. Ships in the North Atlantic no longer give weather reports which indicate what is coming to Britain—and Germany.

Sources Still Open

Each day the British Meteorological Office prepares the forecasts as it did in peace-time, but they are used only for the Forces. The details, including those of immediately past and current weather, are guarded from the enemy.

Germany still has some sources of weather information. Local observations can be obtained from Elbe and Iceland.

Balloon Barometers

Balloons which broadcast automatically what the weather is like in the upper atmosphere, are used daily by the Meteorological Office to obtain information for the preparation of the forecasts which are now secret documents.



"The Circle" A Splendid Achievement

Best A.D.C. Show Since "Night Must Fall"

The Hongkong A.D.C. has another notable achievement to its credit if last night's dress rehearsal of Somerset Maugham's "The Circle" is any criterion of what patrons can expect at the four performances which start this evening and continue nightly until Saturday.

It is quite likely that the majority will consider this production as the best since "Night Must Fall", produced by the A.D.C. three years ago. Last night's dress rehearsal was practically flawless, and two people at least scored brilliant success. I. E. Wynne-Jones in his debut on the local stage, gave a magnificent portrayal and vied with Helen Prior for chief honours. Winnie Cox presented a very pleasing study and Cecil Champkin revealed that he has lost none of the talents which have made him one of the most effective amateur players in the Far East.

Excellent too was the work of E. D. Teague and Andrew Mackinlay, while Beth Smith-Wright and I. C. Macnamara rounded off an ideal cast.

Hongkong can look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a production of excellence.

At each 1,000 foot level the radio net sends out a series of signals which give the readings of the three instruments.

Norway Loses Two Ships

Overtaken By North Sea Death Trap

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Norwegian steamer Singsund (7,850 tons) is reported to have been sunk in the North Sea on Sunday last.

She was en route from La Plata to Norway with a full cargo of grain which had been purchased by the Norwegian Government.

The crew of 20 and one blind passenger were saved.

All hopes have now been abandoned for the Norwegian steamer Hop (2,250 tons) which sailed for Tyneside on February 3, and has not been heard of since.

A crew of 18 were aboard the vessel.

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SPANISH CIVIL WAR TOLL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MADRID, Feb. 20 (UP).—It was revealed to-day by General Bermudez de Castro, in the course of a signed article, that no less than 77,000 Nationalist soldiers were killed or died during the Spanish Civil War.

Of these 70,000 perished on the battlefields and a further 7,000 died through illness.

He also revealed that 750,000 people, including soldiers and non-combatants were sent to hospital for treatment during the course of the war.

The decision means that the technical position will remain unaltered for at least two months, and if the trade demand does not relax in the near future, operators are of the opinion that there will be still larger backwordation of the forward positions.

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Grannie is a popular figure. Although she's 99 she is still young enough to pull a cracker with some of her friends.



—others to have a "hundred up" on the billiards table. But some, like the grand old man on the left, just sit and think—and smoke.

Rubber Outlook Optimistic

Probable Effect Of Quota Decision

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Committee's decision to maintain the quota at 80 per cent. for the second quarter is in accord generally to the market's expectation. Consequently, prices are not materially affected.

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Lovely Mary Haines, a happy wife and devoted mother is a member of New York's wealthy "gossip" set. One day, Sylvia Fowler, an ace-meddler, finds that Mary's husband Stephen is "romancing" Crystal Allen, a pretty sales-girl. She spreads the word around and Mary finds out but for the sake of her child she takes her mother's advice, says nothing to Stephen and goes to Bermuda. On her return however, she encounters Crystal at a fashion show. They quarrel and Edith, Sylvia's friend, gives the details to a gossip columnist. This story is based on the M.C.M. version of the stage play of the same name, which will be screened in Hong-kong shortly.

DOLLY DE PEYSTER did a grand job of the juicy item. In true tabloid style, she informed her readers that:

"Wife K.O.'s Love Thief." By the next day everybody was buzzing with it. After that, the open quarrel with Stephen was inevitable. There were things said on both sides, bitter, harsh

She shook her head. "He won't do that." "What makes you so sure?" Mary had had all this out with herself. "Because deep down, Stephen does love me but he won't find it out until I've really gone away." Yes, it must work out like that. It was bound to. "You'll make Little Mary write to me once a week won't you? And please Mother, don't spoil her so."

"But—but sometimes married people don't stay in love. The husband and wife fall out of love." Her throat felt raw. "And when they do they get unmarried. They—they get what is called a divorce." Little Mary was wide-eyed. "I know what that is. Lots of my friends have mummies and daddies who are divorced." "Well," her voice was barely a whisper. "Your father and I are getting a divorce. That's why I'm going away. That's why—oh darling, I can't explain to you quite but—"

LITTLE Mary's lips quivered. Now she was beginning to understand. "Mother, doesn't Daddy love you any more?" "No, he doesn't." "Don't you love him?" "I—I—no, Mary." "Oh Mother why?"

"I don't know but it isn't either Daddy's or Mother's fault. You'll just have to take my word for it. Now



Introductions were made and Mary learned that her blonde friend was the Countess de Lage, internationally known for her marriages to a string of young and handsome men. The other girl was Miriam Arnold, lately of the Vanities chorus and the commercial modelling field.

With her second glass of champagne Mary began to warm up to them. She liked them. Each in her own way was quite nice and genuine. "You're just what I need Countess," she said suddenly. "D'you mind if I ask you a personal question?" "No dear, of course not. I love to talk about myself." "Doesn't it take a lot of—courage to marry so often?"

"My way," the Countess went on, "your marriage may not last till death but it's fun while it lasts together and I think it's cruel to stand around waiting for someone to die don't you? And it usually takes years too. What did you pick yours for Miriam?"

"Not for character," was the dry retort.

"There. You see? No matter what you pick 'em for, where does it get you?"

Mary intoned, "On the train for Reno."

"That's the answer. Let's have another drinkie. Say, are you girls staying at a hotel in Reno?" They nodded.

The Women

words that neither could take back. One thing Mary always thought about afterwards—the earnest, pleading way Stephen had told her that this was his first lapse and the hurt defeat in his eyes when she had said she could never trust him again.

THE preparations for the divorce started next day and finally the afternoon arrived when Mary was all ready to catch the train for Reno.

Her mother was snapping her bags closed. "Go bathe your eyes. You can't get on the train looking like that. And remember, you have to tell Little Mary yet—"

"I'll tell her," Mary said dully. "I've been putting it off because—"

"Because you hope at the last minute a miracle will keep you from making a mess of your life? Have you thought that Stephen might marry that girl?"

"Spoil her!" Mrs. Morehead looked her reproach. "You'd think I never raised any children of my own."

Little Mary was waiting for her in the other room. Mary pulled her to the couch. "Darling." It was going to be even more painful and difficult than she had thought. "I want to talk to you dear."

"Have I done something wrong Mother?"

"Oh no darling, no. Mary, you know Daddy's been gone for some time—a month. And now I must tell you why. She plunged in. "You see dear, when a man and woman fall in love they get married. And the—"

come along, maybe I can explain it better in the car, on the way to the station—"

She stopped short as the door opened and Jane handed her a box of flowers. They were orchids and for a moment wild hope flooded over her as she saw Stephen's card. Then she read the message: "What can I say? Stephen."

In a gesture of revulsion she threw them from her. "Come Mary, I—I don't want to miss my train."

THAT night she sat in the club car of the thundering vehicle that was speeding her westward. Suddenly, a voice addressed her. She turned to see a big blonde woman holding out a glass of champagne.

"Have some of this dear. You look so desolate. This must be your first trip to Reno."

Mary smiled a little. "Yes it is." "Well, it's my fourth. But I remember the first time very well. I felt just like you look. Alone and scared." She beckoned to a bright faced little brunette who was sitting near the window. "You too dear, don't sit over there in that corner. Come and have a little drinkie."

"Not after the first few. What it really takes is money. None of my husbands ever had a bean." She peered out into the semi-darkness. "Oh dear, those mountains remind me of my third husband. He was a Swiss. I nearly broke my neck sliding down one of those Alpine glaciers once. I always thought Gustave pushed me."

Mary giggled. "No wonder you divorced him."

"Oh but love takes care of its own," the Countess beamed. "Ah, l'amour, l'amour. I slid right into the arms of my fourth husband the Count."

"The one you're divorcing now?" Miriam asked. "Yes—Helas—What could I do when I found he was putting arsenic in my headache powders." She brooded a moment. "Trouble with me I don't pick 'em for their characters." She turned to Mary. "I'll bet you picked yours for character, didn't you?"

"Well—partly."

"And where's it got you? On the train for Reno."

MARY nodded solemnly and took another long swallow. "How right you are Countess. On the train for Reno."

"Well, don't do it. I made the same mistake twice. Place to hang out while you're taking the cure is a dude ranch, the Double Bar T. You won't get lonesome there because the place furnishes cowboys."

"Cow-boys!" Miriam exclaimed. "What for?"

"For practically nothing. You just have to pay for their eats and drinks if they take you to town."

Mary nodded. "Ranch. Might be nice to ride every day."

"There's one more drinkie apiece girls" the Countess said stridently. "What'll it be to?"

Mary raised her glass. Her lips twisted with bitterness. "To Reno—biggest Little City in the world—the Great American Cradle of Liberty."

"Reno," Miriam breathed. "Beautiful City of the Great Divide."

The Countess shook her head sadly. "Only my husbands never have anything to divide."

With deep understanding they clinked glasses and drank.

TO-MORROW RENO

Crossword Puzzle

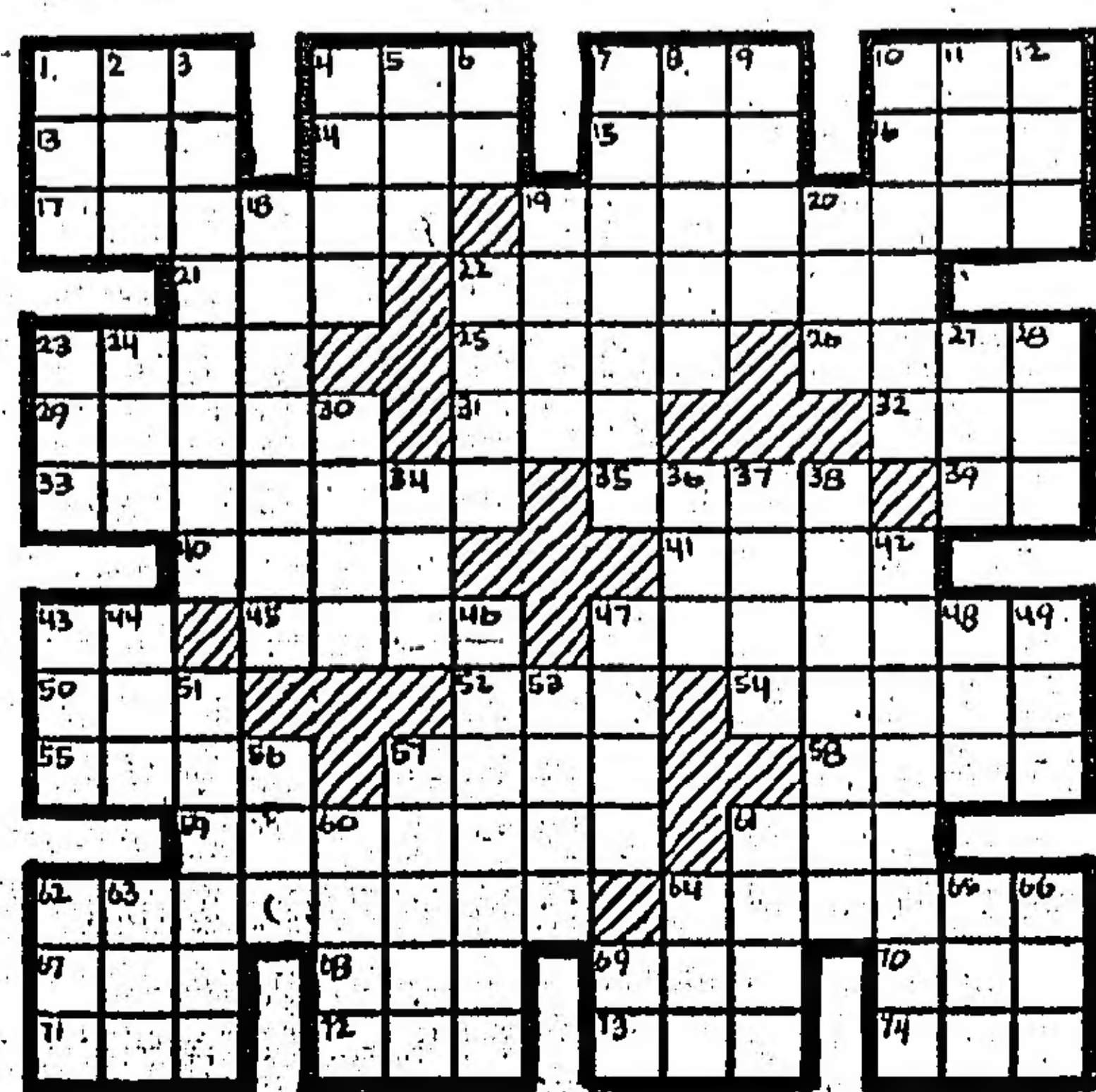
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Pondie
- 2—Lander
- 3—Blister vetch
- 4—Cotton
- 5—Palms
- 6—Not any law
- 7—Mohammed's relative
- 8—Glaucous
- 9—Branch of Mediterranean
- 10—Noddy
- 11—One who begs
- 12—French protectorate
- 13—Faithful
- 14—Condiment
- 15—Tender breeze
- 16—Over (poetic)
- 17—Lemon
- 18—French war plane
- 19—To contact with
- 20—Approach
- 21—Circum's wife
- 22—Wharf
- 23—One of Cyclops
- 24—He chairman
- 25—Kernal
- 26—Brother (abbr.)
- 27—Follow
- 28—Comic capital
- 29—Man's name
- 30—Verbal
- 31—Preceding
- 32—Performance
- 33—Landscape arab
- 34—Prayer upon
- 35—Quadrant
- 36—Kind of dirt
- 37—Crazy room

DOWN

- 1—Young dog
- 2—Duties of pallid
- 3—Quadrant
- 4—Bower
- 5—Beak
- 6—Concerning
- 7—Lance loudness
- 8—Lullaby
- 9—Wrest sliding
- 10—Perian Governor
- 11—Promet
- 12—Twining
- 13—Revivify pharao
- 14—On side away from
- 15—Roman money
- 16—Walk bravely
- 17—Alfred
- 18—And not
- 19—Oratory area
- 20—Cloth creature
- 21—Remain
- 22—Make lace
- 23—Wife of error
- 24—Through
- 25—Annette
- 26—Priest's measures
- 27—Oppose
- 28—Cleansing
- 29—Corn bread
- 30—Pretail through
- 31—Strike lightly
- 32—Bottle of licks
- 33—Pretail three
- 34—Writer of boys' stories
- 35—Combining form
- 36—Combining ratio
- 37—Me (French)
- 38—French coin
- 39—Animal
- 40—Note of scale



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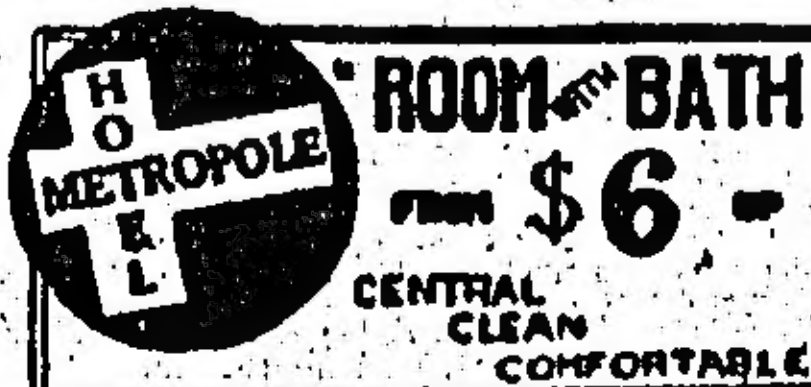
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and they were lodged in a prison which one of the women described as evidently intended for the worst type of criminal. They were obliged to sleep in their clothes.

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60005—Ah sweet mystery of life.
The desert song.
8907—Show Boat. Selection.
8908—Did I remember.
Ring down the curtain, I can't sing to-night.

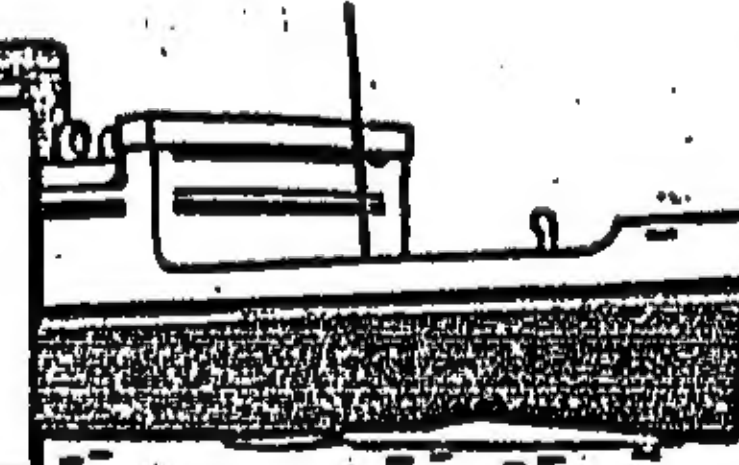
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Britain's First War Film

THERE'S a film coming to Hongkong shortly which is Britain's answer to the oft-made charge that, so far, Germany has been victor on the photography sector of the current war.

It is "The Lion Has Wings", Britain's first full-length war movie, produced by Alexander Korda. Released throughout the world by United Artists, this film will be shown in Hongkong early in March.

Denham Studio

Quiet and unemotional with its stars, Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson, subordinated to its own real core, "The Lion Has Wings" was filmed in 12 days and nights, amid great secrecy, at the Denham studios of Alexander Korda.

Though censors cut out vast footage for fear of revealing defence secrets, it still remains a historic document. It includes a first-rate re-enactment of the September 4 air raid on the Kiel Canal and a dramatic reproduction of a night's work by the Fighter Command, a secret air-protection force.

The London openings of this film was attended by high military and political representatives of Great Britain as well as dignitaries from other European and American countries.

New Screen Role Idea

RECENTLY Leslie Howard, famous British screen star, woke up at Westcott, Surrey, one morning with a big idea.

He had just read the world's best-seller, Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson's report to Lord Halifax on the last days in Berlin.

His idea was that he, Leslie Howard, should play Ambassador Henderson in a film of that story. A story that holds the greatest drama of this age.

Howard planned to invite great actors to impersonate the actors of this world drama. He thought to go to Conrad Veidt to ask him to be Ribbentrop.



Would be Ambassador.

The film was to be a powerful and effective statement of Britain's war case on the screens of the world. At first the idea went well. The money was found. Sir Joseph Ball, head of the film section at the Ministry of Information approved. Sir Robert Vansittart, Foreign Office expert, endorsed.

Leslie Howard wrote to Lord Halifax setting out his idea. But the idea was turned down. The Foreign Office say that living people may not be portrayed on the screen.

The film, however, is not dead. Conferences are still being held to discuss how far it may be possible to make it without personalities. Perhaps Howard could be just the British Ambassador, an unidentified statesman as spokesman of Britain's case.

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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

"Lion Has Wings"



RALPH RICHARDSON, as a British aviation officer, and **Merle Oberon**, as his wife, in the Korda production, "The Lion Has Wings" which is coming to Hongkong next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Death of a Champion."
Oriental: "Risky Business."
Majestic: "Here I am a Stranger."
Queen's: "Back Door to Heaven."
King's: "Naughty but Nice."

'March Of Time' Shows Hongkong Scenes

"The Battle Fleets of Britain," one of the latest March of Time shorts, was made with the full co-operation of the Admiralty and is a dramatic review of the sea might of our British Empire.

This film, which is being shown in many countries all over the world, is good propaganda. It reminds us that since we defeated the Spanish Armada we've held sea supremacy, which Germany only once dared challenge in the last war.

We see the formidable Home Fleet patrolling the North Sea and the Mediterranean and the safeguarding of the Suez Canal.

But of even greater interest to local cinemagoers are the scenes of the China Squadron at work.

Special scenes of Hongkong's defences and our A.R.P. organisation are shown. These scenes were taken last year by Mr. V. Jurgens, March of Time photographer, who is back in town filming more of our Colony.

But to return to this particular film. The commentator tells us that during the next twelve months at least one new fighting vessel per week will be launched to increase the present huge fleet. Already we possess more fighting ships than any other navy in the world. We've got our submarines, too, fifty of them and five new aircraft carriers, in addition to those at present in use, are being built.

"The Battle Fleets of Britain" will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres with "Fifth Avenue Girl."

Cinderella Girl Weds

HOLLYWOOD, (UP)—Judy King, one of Hollywood's "Cinderella girls," was honeymooning recently with Lieut. Ben Funk of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The young actress and the flyer, who met here on a film set, eloped to Winslow, Ariz., and were married by the Rev. Fred Daehler, Funk's brother, Harold, married Evelyn June Payne of Denver in the same ceremony.

Eighteen months ago Miss King came here from Dallas, Tex., to sell the movie "A Song She Composed." The movie-makers looked at her, instead of her song, and the pretty Texas girl was placed under contract as an actress.

Her true name is Pansy Simmons, and she is the daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Simmons of Dallas.

Disney Cartoon Programme

ON Sunday a new Walt Disney cartoon programme will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Included among the cartoons which will be shown are "Goofy and Wilbur," "The Autograph Hound," "Donald's Cousin Gus," "Beach Picnic," "The Hockey Champ," "Practical Pig," "The Pointer," "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Society Dog Show."

None of these cartoons have been shown in Hongkong before.

Views Of New York Critics

NEW YORK, (UP)—New York critics decided that Samuel Goldwyn's production of "Wuthering Heights" was the best motion picture of 1939.

"Wuthering Heights" was adapted by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur from the novel by Emily Bronte. William Wyler directed it and Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon played the principal roles. Vivien Leigh, "Scarlet O'Hara" of "Gone With The Wind," was acclaimed for the finest performance of the year by an actress. James Stewart was voted the best actor for his work in the Frank Capra-Columbia production of "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington."

Other awards were: Direction—John Ford for "Stage Coach." Best Foreign Language Film—"Harvest," (French). Seventeen critics participated in the voting.

Christopher Robin Film

A. A. MILNE'S "Christopher Robin" poems are being considered by Disney at the moment for a series of new cartoons. Disney is particularly taken by the character of "Winnie the Pooh," the little bear. Probably the most popular children's poems of to-day, these should make grand material for Disney.

A. A. Milne's son, the Christopher Robin of the books, is now in the Army.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The Market continues quiet but prices are well maintained.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,415
Canton Ins. \$212 1/2
Union Ins. \$405
Fire Ins. \$182
Douglases \$100
Lands \$37 1/2
Realities \$4 1/2
Tramways \$17.55
Star Ferries \$64
Yau Ma Tei \$25
China Lights (New) \$5
Electricity \$37 1/2
Macao Electricity \$20
Telephones (Old) \$26.60
Watsons \$340
Entertainments \$7 1/2
Humphreys \$7 1/2

Sellers

Lands \$30 1/2
Watsons \$9.00

Sales

H.K. Bank \$1,425
Union Ins. \$470
Lands \$38 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$9.10
Telephones (Old) \$27
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Britain's Second War Film

WILL Hongkong cinemagoers be allowed to see the British film "U-boat 29" which was produced in London at the Denham Studios with British capital?

Recently the Malayan film censor banned this picture, no reason for the banning being given. The film will go up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal.

How will this film fare in Hongkong?

At present no notification of the arrival of the film has been received here.

This film, which has an imposing British cast including Valerie Hobson, Sebastian Shaw and June Duprez, ran for four weeks at the London Odeon and was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "The Spy in Black."

Scene after scene in this melodrama is said to have such amazing parallels in recent European events and such strong elements of anti-German propaganda that responsible American film interests have released it in the United States under the title of "U-boat 29."

U-Boat Exploits

The ignominious exploits of U-boat 29 which sets out from the Kiel Canal to an unknown assignment in Senpa Flow near the Orkney Islands, and the brutality and cunning of its commander, form the background of a picture that sees the fleet in action.

The final scene is a realistic portrayal of the sinking of the U-boat after having been hounded and bombed by a British destroyer.

The lighter side of the production stresses Germany's economic impoverishment as one hears the water at a Kiel hotel say that there is no butter or meat, the U-boat commander, after 14 days at sea on sardines, will have to do with margarine and boiled carrots. Later, in a logical sequence at a Scottish home, the adequacy of food is strikingly contrasted.

The British board of film censors granted the picture the "U" (Universal) certificate.



GLORIA SWANSON may make yet another come-back. Joe Pasternak, producer of Deanna Durbin pictures, is trying to get her to play Deanna's screen mother.

Strange Screen Test

ONE of the strangest screen tests in film history was that in connection with the making of the Edison film.

Applicants were required to say quickly and accurately the following eight words: "Mahaloel, Meihuselah, Arphaxad, Hazamaveth, Chedorlaomer, Zephaniah, Obadiah, and Nebuchadnezzar."

These words figured in an important incident in Edison's life. When he first invented the gramophone many people thought it was a hoax and that a ventriloquist was employed.

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Charles Laughton's Latest Film

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio show starring Charles Laughton, broke all records in the Nanking Theatre, Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays, grossing \$50,000 during the eight day run.

The film will commence screening in Hongkong on February 28.

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HEADACHES

STALIN—the modern Genghis Khan?

BY W. N. EWER

MR. HOOVER the other
day said "the Com-
munist attack on
peaceful Finland
typifies the barbarism of
Genghis Khan."

There is perhaps more in the
comparison than Mr. Hoover
realised, for he was just being
rhetorical.

Nor, I think, would Stalin
take it for an insult, for Genghis
is by way of becoming a Stalinist
hero.

Who was he, this Genghis or
Chingis, whose name—or rather
title—has been for seven cen-
turies a synonym for savagery
and terrible whirlwind con-
quest?

His real name was Temujin. He
was son of a little chieftain of a
Tartar or Mongol tribe on the
steppes near Lake Balkal, born in
1162 when Henry II was king here.

Neutrals Stand Firm

Finland's defence of her free-
dom against the Soviet armies,
heroically maintained through
eleven weeks, has just completed
another counterstroke of bril-
liant success. The progressive
discomfiture of the Bolshevik
giant has been accompanied by
an intensification of the bom-
bardment of neutrals with Ger-
man threats. Every State in
Northern Europe from the
French frontier to the Russian
has come under a heavy fire of
abuse and demands.

In the philosophy of Hitler it
was never dreamed that threats
would produce a hardening of
determination to defy the bully.
To this inconvenient phenom-
enon his policy has now to ac-
commodate itself. From the
Dutch Government has come an
outspoken declaration that Hol-
land's integrity could not be
matter for negotiation and any
attack on her territory would
meet with the most stubborn
opposition of her armed forces.

The Scandinavian Powers are no
more inclined to accept the Nazi
principle that "the Nordic coun-
tries belong to the Lebensraum
of the Soviet and Germany."

Sharp answers are given by the
Norwegian Press, the Danes re-
tort that they detest the ad-
vance of Bolshevism westward
as much as Hitler and Germany
did until last August and in
Sweden feeling runs high.

Everyone is agreed that Sweden
should give the maximum help
possible to the Finns. Recent
Nazi bluster, promising Sweden
the fate of Finland, will certain-
ly not mollify the indignation
aroused. Thus the en-
deavour to drive the Northern
neutrals out of the League and
to frighten the Scandinavian
countries into prohibiting as-
sistance to the Finns has failed
and brought the threatened
States into closer association to
resist aggression.

Of no less significance are the
demonstrations in the south and
south-east of Europe. There
also the menace of Hitlerism
and Bolshevism is rousing the
spirit of the neutrals and draw-
ing them closer together. The
splendid prolongation of the re-
sistance of Finland to big bat-

Skilful, cunning, a man of steel,
he gained domination over friends
and rivals alike.

He united the Mongols under his
own leadership, disciplined them,
organised them, built an army of
fierce horsemen.

Then he struck. Out of Central
Asia there burst on the civilised
world a tremendous revolutionary
force. China was first victim.
Temujin (now bearing the title
Chingis Khan, or Great Leader)
struck in 1211.

Four years later—in the year of
Magna Charta—his troops were in
Peking. He was master of North-
ern China.

He turned westward against the
Islamic States: burst into Turke-
stan: took Bokhara and Samar-
kand. In a dozen years he had
made an empire that stretched
from the Pacific to the Black Sea.
Then he died, aged 65.

But the work went on.
The Tartars under his sons and
grandsons swept over Russia, swept
into Persia and Iraq and Palestine,
hammered at the outworks of
Western Christendom, spread dis-

may and alarm through Europe.
Later Mongol princes founded an
Empire in India. Men still alive
can remember the passing of the
last "Great Moghul."

The wave died down. The
empire of Chingis crumbled.
Europe and Islam and China re-
covered from the tremendous im-
pact.

But the Tartar conquest left
deep traces where it passed. And
the terror of the name of
"Genghis Khan" inspired a hun-
dreds of legends.

What conceivable parallel can
there be between such a man and
Stalin, the Marxist leader of a
Socialist State?

The answer, I think, is that we
judge Stalin wrongly if we think
of him primarily as a Communist.
Firmly, he is a great Asiatic
chieftain, whose vision is of a great

Asiatic Empire, pressing upon
Europe, perhaps even dominating
Europe, avenging Europe's con-
quest of Asia.

"Remember that I, too, am an
Asiatic," he said once to a Japanese
Ambassador.

It was a profoundly significant
remark.

For this Georgian the Bolshevik
revolution itself was less a rising of
oppressed classes than a rising of
oppressed peoples: a revolt against
Westernism in all its manifesta-
tions. It is significant that in the
early years he busied himself with
the question of the "nationalities,"
not with social or economic
matters.

It is significant that, come to
power, he broke the "Western-
ised" old Bolsheviks and sur-
rounded himself with men free
from European contamination.

He brought Russia more and
more out of European influence.
He began to shift her industries

into Asia—not only for strategic
reasons.

The centre of gravity of the
Russian Empire has been moved
eastwards, Asiatic. Its old his-
toric centres are becoming out-
lying frontier regions.

Russia under Stalin becomes a
great Central and North Asiatic
Empire, pressing on Europe, press-
ing into China, pressing perhaps,
in the near future, on the Islamic
lands of South Asia.

Not (with allowance for the
seven centuries' gap) so unlike the
Empire of Chingis—with a
Georgian instead of a Tartar at
its head.

Stalin, like Temujin, has taken a
title. It is Vozhd Narodov:
Leader of the Nations.

Not, you notice, Leader of the
Workers. Leader of the Nations.

The man who chose that for
himself has the imperial mind.
Can you imagine Lenin making
such a choice: or indeed taking
any title at all?

The boasts of Stalin are not of
social achievements or of the wel-
fare of the masses.

They are of the size and strength
of the Union: of the might of its
arms: of its readiness to "break
the necks of its enemies."

The flatteries of Stalin are ful-
some and obsequious: nothing like
them has been heard in Europe
since Byzantium fell.

A strange and ironic sequel to a
Marxist revolution.

But there it is! The Georgian
Vozhd sits in the Kremlin, sur-
rounded by his Viziers and his
sycophants, proud of the vast ex-
tent of his domains and of his
unquestioned mastery over mil-
lions, boasting of his great armies,
threatening terrible war against
any who defy his will: dreaming
perhaps of new raids which shall
submit to an Asiatic overlord.

Not so completely unlike Chingis,
after all.

Will Poetry Survive the War?

SO far as I remember, none of us
asked this question or had cause
to ask it at the beginning of the last
war, and there are many to whom it
will seem superfluous now.

Surely poetry, being immortal as
the air we breathe will survive the
mortality of the battlefield as it has
always survived it? And not only
will it survive it but it will snatch
newer glories in the process. That

tallons and mechanised arms
has taught confidence that the
giant of Bolshevism may be
defied by a brave and resolute
nation. There is no other safety
for neutrals but common
action against the aggressor.

Like the barbarian tyrant of old,
the Fuehrer has declared "the
sun shall not shine on any coun-
try which marches with our
own." Union in resistance will
preserve for each its national
rights.

was always the way of poetry, and
it is likely to be the way again.

Those of us who were of reading
age in 1914 remember the first ap-
pearance of those splendid sonnets
written by a young poet, practically
unknown outside his own circle,

unknown Dean Inge quoted from the
pulpit of St. Paul's and thus com-
mended to the world at large. They
were the precursors of many poems
which proved that poetry was still a
vital force in Britain. With that
experience behind us, it is surely an
impertinence to ask whether our
poetry will survive the present con-
flict.

And yet I ask the question not
only because the days are full of
dangers which seem calculated to
discourage poets from writing, but
because in recent years it has been
openly argued that poetry is essen-
tially a thing of "the antique world,"
of which our modern habit of veri-
fying is a survival—a toy out of
fashion.

A Text for To-day

Now let us see what truth there
is in the first suggestion—that dark

days are a discouragement to the
poet. Is there any?

Poetry, I can hear it said, is an
inspiration, an effluence of sheer joy
which needs happy moments for its
nurture. It is quite true that much
poetry has its source in delight and
in the contemplation of the delight-
ful, but is not the greatest poetry
often that which is inspired by the
terrible, the horrible or the tragic—
the poetry which sets before us, as
in an incandescent light, the beauty
of suffering? What is common to
all kinds of poetry worth the name
is not so much delight as the excite-
ment under which it is produced.

At the beginning of last century
Britain found herself faced with the
aggression of Napoleon and the
menace of invasion, and Wordsworth,
who nearly half a century later was
appointed Poet Laureate, responded
with those magnificent sonnets de-
dicated to National Independence and
Liberty. In April, 1903, a month
before we declared war upon Bonn-
aparte, he contributed to the
Morning Post these remarkable and
now classic lines:—

It is not to be thought of that the
Flood

Of British freedom, which, to the
open sea

Of the world's praise, from dark
antiquity

Hath flowed, "with pomp of
waters, unwithstood,"

Though though it be full often to
a mood

Which spurs the check of salu-
tary bands,

That this most famous Stream in
bogs and sands

Should perish; and to evil and to
good

Be lost for ever. In our halls is
hung

Armoury of the invincible Knights
of old;

We must be free or die, who speak
the tongue

That Shakespeare spoke; the faith
Which Milton held. In every

thing we are sprung
Of Earth's first blood, have titles
manifold;

That sonnet might be our text to-
day, and those with which Words-
worth followed it have passages in

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OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Week's Heavy Shipping Losses

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter Bulletin).—Twenty ships were sunk by enemy action during the week ended February 18. This is the largest total of losses during any week in the present war. As usual, neutrals were the greatest sufferers. Of the 20 ships, 15 were neutral and five British, bringing the total to 1,000,000 tons. Although this total seems large, it compares very favourably with the unrestricted U-boat warfare in 1917 when 900,000 tons were sunk in one month alone, with an average of 105 ships a week. Of this week's total of 15 neutral vessels, 13 are reported to have been sent to the bottom without warning by German submarines. During the week only one vessel was lost in a convoy. The British Navy conveyed 8,690 ships since the war began and only 10 have been lost, which makes one in 472.

Food Distribution Shumchun Centre Attends To Hundreds

On Thursday last, the food kitchen maintained by the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre was opened at Wong Pui Ling, a village about 1,000 yards from the New Territories border between Shumchun and Shatukok, and 800 persons, both young and old, are being fed daily. The kitchen was organised as the result of a request from the village elders. As in order to support their families, the male villagers, unable to find paying work in their own districts under existing conditions, have to seek employment in Shumchun and other places on this side of the border, the kitchen was started in order to relieve them of the burden so that they may be enabled to stay in their districts and work their own fields. One meal a day is supplied at the kitchen, and the eligible for food are babies and children under 16, nursing mothers, sick people, old men and women, women and children whose fathers have been killed by the Japanese and wives and children whose fathers are in the regular Chinese armies.

Three Cents Per Meal
They are supplied with food, candles and bowls and chopsticks are furnished to those who are too poor to afford these utensils. The organisation of the kitchen is such that even the smallest child can line up and secure his food without danger of being unnoticed or trampled on or in other ways hampered from getting his meal. The kitchen is housed in the premises of the former village school. The elder of the village supplies the cook and the carriers, who bring the food daily from Shumchun. The cost per meal per person is three cents. This is surprisingly cheap, considering that the meal consists of a big bowl of rice, beans, pork, eggs, ginger and vegetables, and affords a rounded, balanced nutritive diet. The cost of feeding the 800 people is, therefore, \$24 per day, or \$720 per month of 30 days. Hongkong citizens who are desirous of seeing for themselves this branch of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre's work are welcome, and any donations or gifts they may choose to make will be greatly appreciated. Already, last Sunday, some Hongkong ladies went out to Wong Pui Ling to visit the kitchen. Amongst them were Miss E. S. Aikins, headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls' School, Mrs. Pauline Yee and Miss Doris Louey.

MORE BRITISH AID FOR FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Minister to London visited Viscount Halifax at the British Foreign Office this afternoon. They discussed the Russo-Finnish conflict and the developments in Scandinavia. It is understood that they also examined the possibility of expediting and increasing shipments of British arms to Finland.

Wife Sues Former Shanghai Broker

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. Feb. 20 (UP).—Mrs. Helen Byram Burdick is suing for divorce from her husband, Don Burdick, a former Shanghai broker. She is charging him with cruelty and demands the custody of their two children, Anna, aged 8, and Barbara, aged 6.

S.A. Minister Sees The B.E.F.

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The South African minister to Paris is at present visiting the B.E.F.

MAY REFER TO LEAGUE

London, Feb. 20. The Government statement in the House of Commons this afternoon, either by Mr. Chamberlain or Mr. Churchill, or by both, is expected to reply to the Norwegian Foreign Minister's version regarding the Altmark incident and his threat to refer the case to the League of Nations, thus annulling Britain before the Court of which she is the most outspoken champion and in which she has loudly defended the principles when now she herself is charged with violating. Meanwhile, the bitter diplomatic dispute of the war is momentarily hanging fire, pending the Norwegian reply to the British communications which will most likely divert the exchanges along a new but unprejudiced course on the basis of Norway's contention that she knew the Altmark was classified as a warship all along and this was precisely the reason why the Norwegian authorities did not send her.—United Press.

Geneva Surprised
Geneva, Feb. 20. Circles close to the League of Nations are astonished at the report that Norway intends to submit the Altmark dispute to the League. They suggest Norway might merely ask the League Council to request the Hague Court for its opinion, for Norway is unable to submit the case directly to the Hague Court because Britain has denounced the optional clause for war disputes.—United Press.

Black-Out Warning Regulations For Colony Shipping

Mariners, shipowners and all others concerned are warned that a compulsory black-out exercise will take place in the evening of the March 5, the Hongkong Harbour office states in a notice issued yesterday.

The commencement of the exercise will be indicated by the sounding of the Air Raid Warning Signal, namely a fluctuating blast from electric sirens extending over a period of three minutes, followed by the extinction of all lighting.

From sunset up to the sounding of the air raid warning siren, lights may be kept lighted provided that effective provisions have previously been made for the extinguishment or screening of all lights, so that all such lights can be extinguished or screened within a period of three minutes.

On the sounding of the air raid warning siren, all lights, including navigation lights, must be extinguished or obscured. At 8.20 p.m. navigation lights should be re-lit, but all other lights must remain extinguished or obscured until the "raiders passed" signal has been sounded.

Ferry Services
Cross harbour ferry services will cease running between 7.50 p.m. and 8.20 p.m. hours but normal transport services after 8.20 p.m. may be resumed, provided that all lights except navigation lights are reduced in intensity, either by extinction or obscuration, to the minimum compatible with safety.

Vessels under-way, when the air raid warning signal is sounded, should proceed to the nearest safe anchorage or make fast to a pier. Normal lighting may be resumed on the sounding of the "raiders passed" signal indicated by a steady blast from electric sirens extending over a period of three minutes.

For the purpose of the exercise, the port will be closed between the hours of 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The above lighting restrictions imposed on shipping are subject to any instructions which may be issued by the Naval or Harbour Authorities.

Acute Food Shortage

Peiping Pays Record Price For Flour

PEIPING, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The price of flour hit the new high level of \$20 a bag to-day, compared with \$12 which was the official price at the end of last year.

The rise is due to the importation of large stocks of foodstuffs to North China to relieve the serious food shortage which is still causing acute suffering among the Chinese population.

Rice \$100 Per Bag
The majority of the flour comes from abroad, has to be paid for in foreign currency and has thus caused a sudden drop in the value of the Federal Reserve Bank notes. Consequently, higher prices have to be paid for foodstuffs. Rice is now priced at over \$100 a bag. The situation is further aggravated by the shortage of meat locally.

Southern Rhodesia To Supply Beef

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—A contract has been signed between Britain and Southern Rhodesia whereby Britain and her Allies will take all the beef that Southern Rhodesia can supply.

GERMAN CREW DID NOT DEFEND THEMSELVES

JOESSING FJORD, Feb. 20. (UP).—Captain Heinrich Dan of the Altmark declared the crew of the Altmark did not attempt to defend themselves when the British boarded the ship. "We knew in advance that any defence would be senseless," he said. "In any case, I was determined not to put us in the wrong by so doing in neutral waters. Any statement that we fired on the British is a sheer lie."

He admitted that the Altmark for two months acted as a provision ship of the German battleship Admiral Graf Spee which placed the survivors of ships it sank aboard the Altmark. The captain insisted that the prisoners were given exactly the same food as the crew. They were really not prisoners at all but rescued mariners being taken to Germany for internment, just as the British had done for German sailors.

The fourth officer of the ship, Joachim Weichert, said he believed the British boarding party shot at the crew of the Altmark because they were nervous and feared the men would blow up the ship. He claimed the German sailors were completely unarmed since there were absolutely no weapons aboard the Altmark.

WHITE PAPER ON COLONIAL POLICY

The Colonial Secretary, Hongkong forwards the following Memorandum on the White Paper on colonial development which was published in London yesterday:—

The most important development in Colonial policy of recent years is foreshadowed in a White Paper published by His Majesty's Government in London yesterday.

The White Paper begins with a reference to the recommendations (simultaneously published) of the West Indies Royal Commission which, under the chairmanship of Lord Moyne, has now completed its enquiries. Action on these recommendations is being taken forthwith. In particular, His Majesty's Government "accept in principle the important proposals that there should be a central organisation presided over by a controller and staffed with technical officers of high qualifications, planning, in consultation with the administrations concerned, the further development of welfare services in the West Indies." They have also accepted the proposal to appoint an Inspector General of Agriculture for West Indies.

The United Kingdom Government will make a further statement on the other recommendations regarding the West Indies when consultations with the Governments concerned have been concluded. Necessary proposals with which the White Paper deals, but in the meantime a special sum of £350,000 is being made available for such schemes as can be begun immediately.

The White Paper states that, while the Royal Commission have been investigating the situation in the West Indies, His Majesty's Government have examined the general and now announce an extension of their policy dealing with the broad question of development and welfare. "Though the unhappy intervention of war may inevitably affect the rate of advance, the Government propose to proceed with their policy of development as far and fast as exigencies of time permit."

Duty to People
His Majesty's Government (the White Paper goes on) are trustees for the well-being of the peoples of the Colonial Empire, and the spontaneous and wholehearted support given by the inhabitants of every territory to the common war effort is the best testimony to their appreciation of the way in which this trust is being discharged. The primary aim of the Colonial policy is to produce and advance the interests of the inhabitants of the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories.

The White Paper recalls past accomplishments in the field of colonial development. Great as these have been, there is room for further development of natural resources and consequent improvements in standards of living. Reference is made to the increases in taxation which have been proposed in most Colonies since the outbreak of war, and to the possibility of raising larger revenue without injustice by the adjustment of taxation. Improvement in Government machinery and reinforcement of personnel in development services, which might contribute to more successful economic expansion, is also discussed. "Nevertheless (says the White Paper) if a full and balanced development is to be obtained, and if the Colonial Governments are to be placed in a position to maintain administrative, technical and social services at proper standards, some assistance from outside is necessary at this stage." In most Colonies there is no substantial mineral wealth or manufacturing industries. Fluctuating values of agricultural products and, in some cases, a heavy burden of debt, make it impossible for them to provide, out of their own resources, adequate research and survey facilities, schemes of major capital enterprise, and the expansion of administrative or technical staffs which are necessary for their economic development. Nor can they always afford, in the absence of such development, to maintain a proper standard of health and education services.

Many Grants Made
Much has been done to surmount these difficulties. The United Kingdom exchequer has provided £12,000,000 in the last ten years to meet deficits in Colonial budgets. The Colonial Development Fund has made available some £5,000,000, with commitments of another £1,000,000 for economic development. "His Majesty's Government now propose to invite Parliament to approve an extension of this policy and to remove certain limits and hampering conditions that are attached

to expenditure from existing funds. The object in view, when the Colonial Development Fund was constituted, was "to promote commerce with or industry in the United Kingdom," an end which it was hoped to achieve by assisting the development of agriculture and industry in the Colonies. Certain specific objects on which expenditure could be incurred were enumerated. Others (for example education, apart from technical education) were omitted. The emphasis was throughout on material development. The intention was primarily to help in securing capital for approved schemes though assistance towards recurrent expenditure was not specifically excluded. This intention has been followed and grants have normally been authorised; when occasionally they have been given, they have been made for short periods only. The existence of the fund has not involved any departure from the old principle that a Colony should have only those services which it can afford to maintain out of its own resources. This principle now calls for revision, and His Majesty's Government propose that, in appropriate cases, money from new sources which they have in mind to provide, should be made available for maintenance of important works or services over a substantial period of years."

New Legislation
The proposal is to introduce legislation into Parliament to replace the Colonial Development Fund (which is limited to a maximum of £100,000 a year) by a new arrangement providing, in a new vote in estimates, assistance to Colonial Governments up to a maximum of £5,000,000 a year for ten years. This assistance will be available not only for schemes involving capital expenditure necessary for Colonial development in the widest sense, but also to help in meeting recurrent expenditure in Colonies on certain services, such as agriculture, education, health, and housing. In planning expenditure, from this new source, Government will enlist the help of a Colonial Development and Welfare Advisory Committee which will be composed partly of official and partly of unofficial members. Separate provision is also to be made for Colonial research (hitherto assisted by the Colonial Development Fund) up to a maximum of £500,000 a year, to be administered with the assistance of the new Colonial Research Advisory Committee. One proposal follows the suggestion made by Lord Hailey in his recent book "African Survey" and His Majesty's Government acknowledge their debt to him in this connection.

The intention is that the £5,000,000 and £500,000 a year respectively should be maxima figures which will not be attained at once. Time is essential to frame careful plans for development and to secure and translate them into operation. "These maxima figures (the White Paper goes on) have been reached after estimating what expenditure seems desirable and practicable for a reasonable period of years ahead. They will be subject to review from time to time and should experience show that they are insufficient, it will always be open to Parliament to increase them. So far as concerns provision for development and welfare, the position will have to be reviewed before the expiry of the initial ten year period."

Assistance Extended
"It will be noted that these measures of assistance by the taxpayers of the United Kingdom will be extended without distinction not only to all British Colonies and Protectorates but also to all territories administered by the Government under the mandatory system." Emphasis in the first instance will be on improvements in the economic position of the Colonies upon which, obviously, advance in other directions largely depends. It is by this means that Colonies will be enabled ultimately to provide "those government and other services which the interests of their people demand."

The White Paper refers to the need for the co-ordination of effort, provision of proper machinery and adequate personnel, and the regular liaison between authorities at home and overseas. The recent expansion at the Colonial Office has been made with this aim in view. The White Paper insists on the growing practice of visits by Colonial Office officials and technical advisers to various Colonies. "The contacts so made are of value both to Colonies and to the Colonial Office and it may well be that the preparation and

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Passes For Foreign Women And Children

Tientsin, Feb. 20. The Japanese Consulate-General on Monday notified the Italian, German and Spanish Consulates that, in accordance with the representations made by the latter, passes allowing foreign women and children to pass Japanese searching and examining posts will be issued by the Japanese Consulate-General. Passes were issued to American women and children some time ago, and other Consulates have requested similar facilities.—Domei.

Chinese Demonstration
Tientsin, Feb. 20. More than thousand Chinese held a demonstration in the Italian Consulate here yesterday. "Give us bread! Give us flour," the demonstrators shouted. The Italian police used water hoses to disperse the crowds.

The Yung Pao to-day reports that recent cases of looting of shops in the Chinese city have caused many to close their doors. In one case, a number of Chinese halted a cartload of 40 bags of flour. They offered the Chinese merchant 10 yuan a bag for the flour, but he refused to sell, whereupon the Chinese raided his cart. The Chinese police afterwards recovered 36 bags.

The price of flour in the Chinese city is 20 yuan per bag while in the British concession it is priced at 10 yuan. Sugar is priced at ¥11.50 for ten pounds.

The increase in prices is attributed to hoarding and speculation, many Chinese becoming panicky over the fall in currencies and making heavy purchases of staple commodities.—United Press.

Anti-Communist Measure

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Belgian Government yesterday introduced an anti-Communist Bill to deal with Communist propaganda which is financed from outside Belgium.

"Everything Quiet"

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that everything has been quiet in the fighting lines.

execution of development programmes will make more regular travel desirable.

"In the Colonies the problem of development touches upon work of officers in various departments, such as administrative officers both at headquarters and in districts, and technical officers in the agricultural, veterinary, medical and other services."

The need for machinery to provide co-ordination as to ensure that development proceeds on a balanced and comprehensive plan is emphasised. "The Government (states the White Paper) does not suggest that there should be any uniform system of co-ordination throughout the Colonial Empire; still less would they desire to impose any set pattern from Downing Street". Differing conditions will naturally require some variation of method in dealing with this problem.

The White Paper makes it clear that His Majesty's Government propose to invite the Colonies to prepare development programmes for a period of years ahead where this has not already been done.

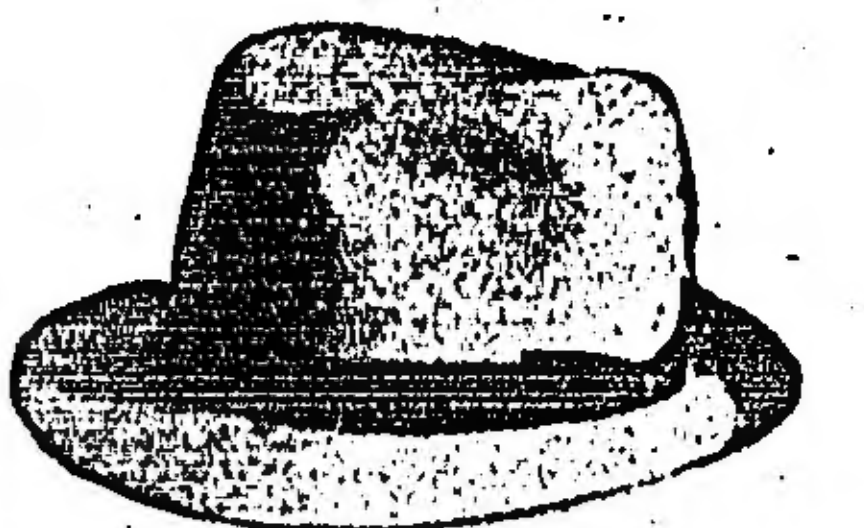
"From London (it says) there will be assistance and guidance, but no spirit of dictation. The new policy of development will involve no deduction from the rights and privileges of local legislatures upon which rests a large measure of responsibility for improvements of conditions in their several territories and upon whose co-operation Government counts with confidence. The fact that a Colony receives assistance under this policy will not entail upon it the system of financial control which is now associated with the receipt of grants-in-aid. The whole effort will be one of collaboration between authorities in the Colonies and those at home; there must be ready recognition that conditions vary greatly from Colony to Colony, and that Colonial Governments who best know the needs of their own territories should enjoy a wide latitude in initiation and execution of policy, the primary purpose of which is to promote the prosperity and happiness of the peoples of the Colonial Empire."

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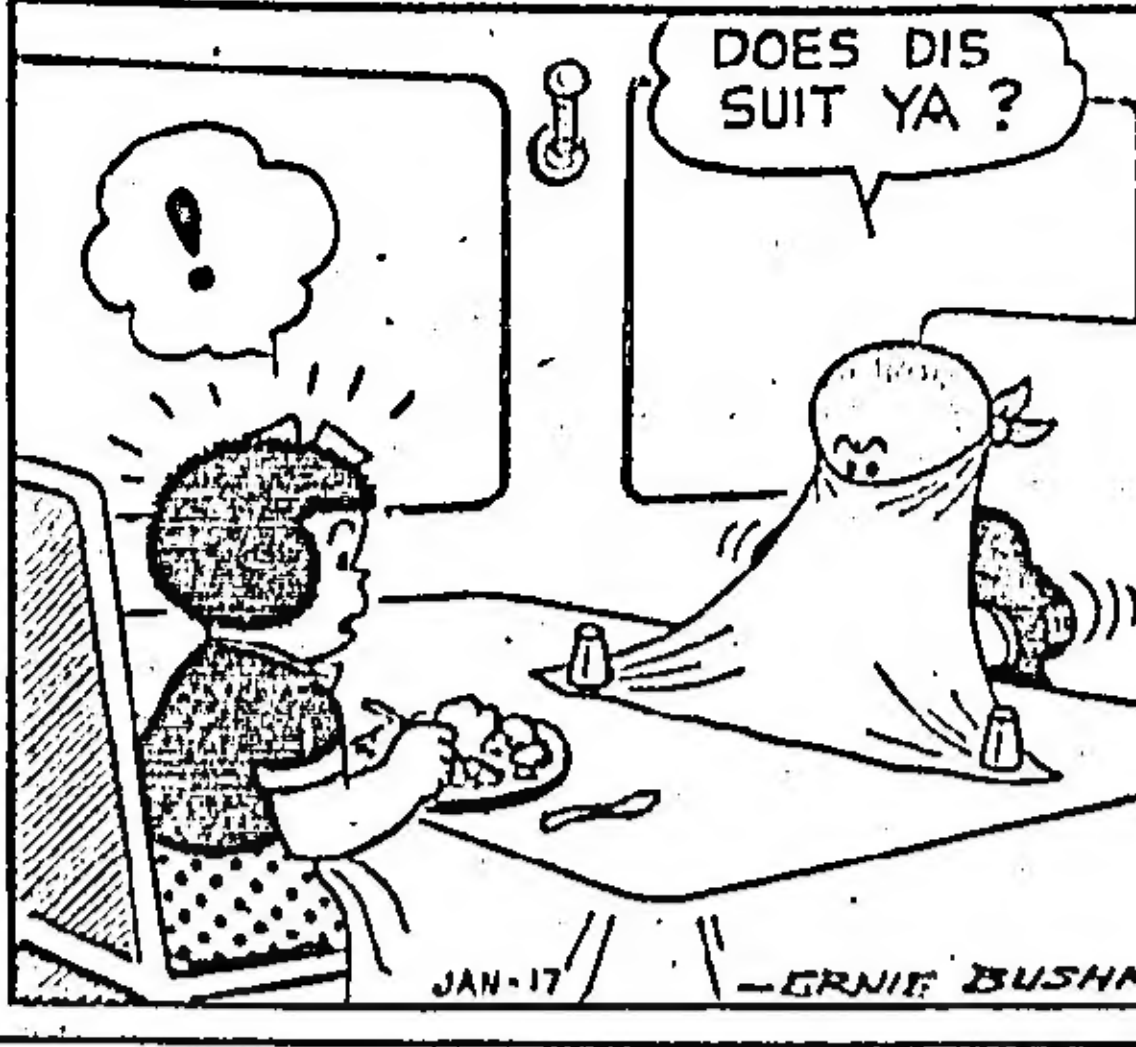
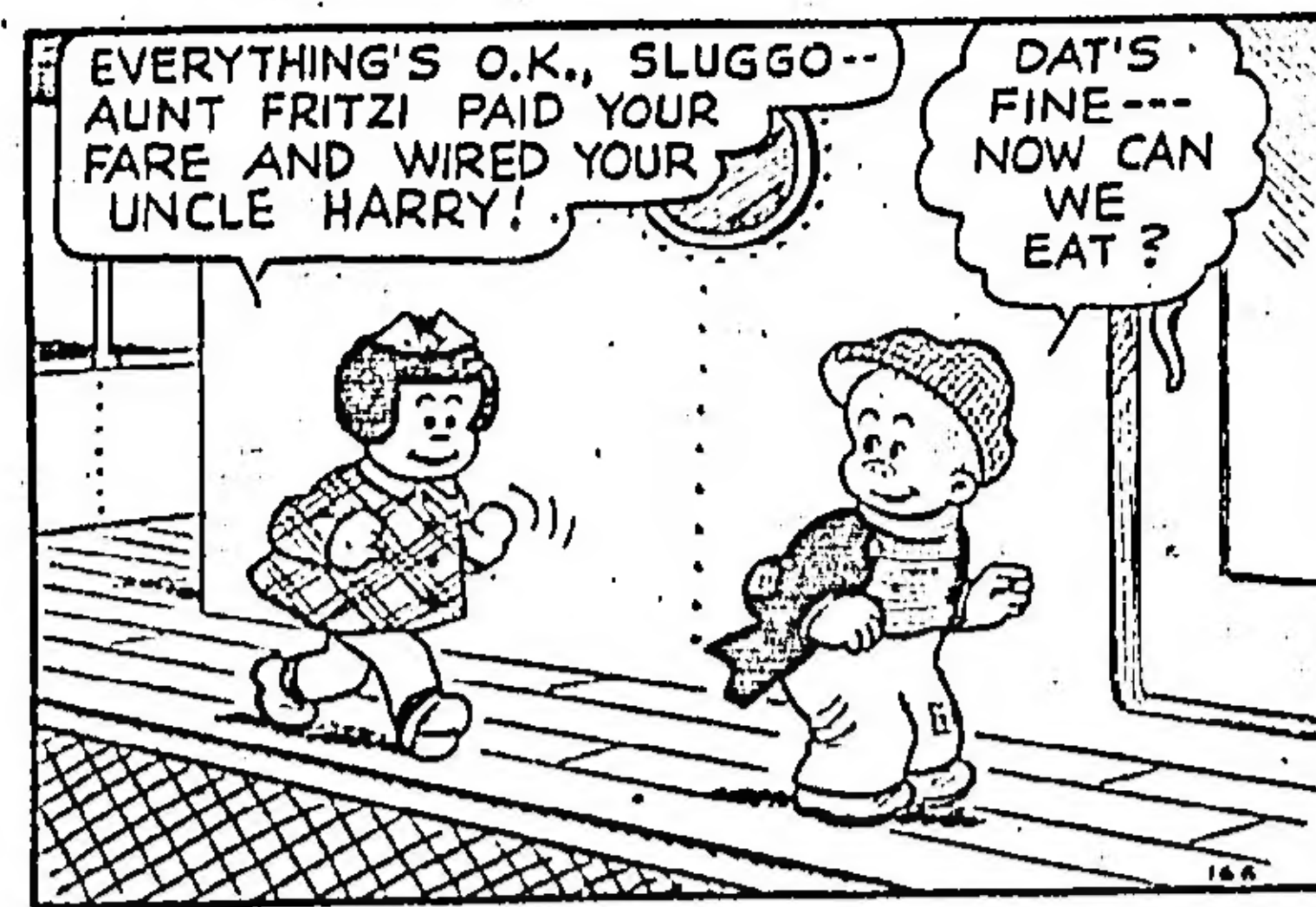
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G. P. Gram	1	2	3	4
F. Marshall	1	2	3	4
W. H. S. Davis	1	2	3	4
S. A. Pan	1	2	3	4
B. L. Tao	1	2	3	4
Tung Man-wa	1	2	3	4
Ip Kiu-ying	1	2	3	4
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All B.E.F. To Have Leave

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—All original members of the B.E.F. are expected to have had leave by the middle of March.

Announcing this in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, said that arrangements are now rapidly being made. He also said that 17,500 rankers have been recommended for commissions and that 10,000 of these are now with the "Officers' Training Centres."

Britons Strengthen Turkish Defences

BERLIN, Feb. 19 (Reuter).—A German news agency message from Sofia declares that about 50 British artillery and engineer officers arrived in Adrianople last week to assist in extending the fortifications of Adrianople and Kirk Kilise.

The message adds that a mission of British officers is also staying in the Dardanelles region working on the same task.

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador to-day called on the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Our Embassy In China

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. De La Bore asked whether, since the Russian and American Embassies in China enjoyed a favourable geographical proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government, and so had easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations, the Prime Minister would consider moving the British Embassy to an equally favourable geographical position.

In Touch With Chungking

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that while the Ambassador's headquarters were in Shanghai he frequently visited Chungking and was in fact now there.

When he was not in Chungking, contact was maintained with the National Government through the offices of the Embassy which were in the charge of a senior member of the Embassy Staff. These arrangements were found most convenient in practice for maintaining touch with British interests in different parts of China.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, did not consider a modification was called for at present.

I.R.A. POLICY ATTACKED

DUBLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Leader of the Opposition in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, attacked the activities of the I.R.A. in a speech to his party.

The I.R.A. policy, he said, would only bring dishonour to Ireland and make the solution of the partition problem more difficult.

At no time had it less claim than in present to the support of the Irish people, he said.

Gallant Aviators Decorated

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations are recognised in a long list of Air Force awards including three Distinguished Service Orders for Wing Commanders F. L. Pearce, W. E. Stalon and Squadron Leader J. R. Hallingspot.

Sixteen Flying Crosses and 15 Flying Medals were awarded and the names given of 79 men mentioned in despatches.

MARCHED INTO NAZI LINES

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are has taken place between bare-metal.

Two German raids in other sectors which were made without trench mortar or artillery preparation were repulsed.

It is announced in French Naval circles that British and French naval vessels were attacked yesterday afternoon by several submarines but it is not possible to say with what result.

COMMONS CHEERS THE ANZACS

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troops and their military bearing are beyond all praise.

"The House, I feel sure, would wish me to take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to the people and Government of Egypt for their action as our friend and ally in offering so hospitable a reception to the Dominion contingents."

"During my stay I was also privileged to see something of the Indian troops who have now been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and to hear to what a message from the King-Emperor."

Inspects Aussie Forces

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lieut. General Sir Archibald Wavell, British C-in-C. in the Middle East, has arrived in Palestine from Egypt to inspect the Australian troops.

He will be in command of the British troops in Palestine for several months.

Polish Airman Reviewed LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—At an R.A.F. station to-day Polish airmen were inspected by the C-in-C. of the Polish Air Force.

PREMIER ON THE ALTMARK EPISODE

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stand than I had previously supposed (Cherms).

No Examination At All

"We had imagined that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some examination of the Altmark, and our complaint was that this examination had been so perfunctory that it did not reveal the presence of British prisoners aboard."

"Now it appears, however, that the Norwegian authorities conducted no examination of the ship at all."

Mr. Chamberlain outlined Mr. Kohl's statement and said that it appeared in the Norwegian view that the Altmark was regarded as a warship and carried the German flag, no request to search could be made.

The Chief Naval Officer at Bergen was not quite satisfied and the Altmark was later stopped but refused to submit to an inspection.

Even though the Altmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters, violating Norwegian regulations, this did not lead the Norwegian authorities to take any action beyond complaining and accepting an apology.

British Offer Refused

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that a joint Norwegian and British guard was proposed so that a proper investigation might be made at Bergen (Cherms). This offer was refused.

The Norwegian officer declined to accompany the British boarding party aboard the Altmark.

"It will be seen therefore, that not on one occasion but on three different occasions the Norwegian authorities failed to carry out a proper investigation of the matter. Not until after these refusals did H.M. ships take action against the Altmark, and if they had not done so she would have been allowed to complete her voyage to Germany without let or hindrance and without any inquiry into the circumstances."

Surprising Statement

"Yet once more also that Mr. Kohl said that the Norwegian authorities did not know that British prisoners were aboard the Altmark. Considering that this fact was prominently reported weeks ago in the Press of the world, I cannot but regard this as a most surprising statement."

"I find it difficult, in these circumstances, to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities have displayed a complete indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet. Even if such indifference is due to German pressure, it is, nevertheless, in the view of His Majesty's Government, inconsistent with the active impartial exercise of duty of a neutral towards ourselves as belligerents."

Doctrine Unacceptable

"According to Mr. Kohl's views, the Norwegian authorities see no objection to the use of Norwegian territorial waters for hundreds of miles by a German warship for the purpose of escaping capture in the high seas and conveying British prisoners to a German prison camp."

"Such a doctrine is at variance with international law as His Majesty's Government understand it. It would in their view legalise the abuse by German warships of neutral waters and create a position which His Majesty's Government could, in no circumstances, accept." (Loud Cheers.)

Indian Press Comment

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The feature of Indian newspaper comment on the Altmark incident is a strong vindication by Nationalist organs of the part played by Britain.

"The British reply to the Norwegian protest was convincing," writes the "Bombay Chronicle."

"Norway was assisting a German warship to take to a German prison British captives illegally held. Norway cannot complain if, in such an emergency, the British Government used a destroyer instead of a diplomatic note."

"What is important is the possibility that Norway is being blackmailed by Germany into a position hostile to the Allies."

The "Free Press Journal" says: "The case for Norway lost all its strength when Norwegian officers reported that there were no prisoners aboard the Altmark. It was Churchill who had to decide. He left the law to lawyers and ordered his sailors to board the Altmark. This they did—and with spectacular success."

The Nationalist Press of New Delhi regards Norway's inability to prevent prisoners from being carried to Germany through her territorial waters as the real justification for the British violation of her neutrality. Thus the newspaper, "National Call" writes: "The Norwegian protest loses much of its point owing to the manner in which the Norwegian Government allowed the Altmark to use its waters without a careful investigation."

Naval Heroes To Be Feted

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Londoners will have an opportunity to cheer the heroes of the River Plate battle on Friday when 700 officers and men of the Ajax and Exeter come to Fluyen to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall.

On their way to the Guildhall they will march through Westminster and the city.

American Press Reactions

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The following comments on the Altmark incident have been made by American papers:

"World Telegram": "Friday's coup was justified on moral if not on technical grounds. The Altmark was certainly no merchantman. It was a naval auxiliary and a prison ship for the Graf Spee."

"New York Sun": "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. The Norwegian officials accepted the word of the German Commander. Germany violated Norwegian neutrality."

"Boston Herald": "The attitude of Americans is probably identical with that of the British Government."

"Herald Tribune": "The most important Russian product for Germany, Soviet oil, appears to be largely problematical not only because of the lack of transportation but also because the Soviet petroleum industry has not kept up with the domestic consumption."

Turkish Comment

The following comments are made by Turkish papers:

"Ulus": "The British action in freeing prisoners wandering months under oppressive conditions is not only legally right but a humane duty."

"Hurriyet": "The fact that the Anzacs travelled 10,000 miles without loss proves the complete naval supremacy of Britain."

The Danish paper, "National Tidende" says: "It would be hypocritical if we here in Denmark pretended that we cannot sympathise with the British Navy's motives in taking action."

The Dutch paper, "Telegraaf," says: "Norway herself was to blame in the first instance. Norway's is the heaviest responsibility. Slackness only increases the dangers for neutrals."

The Swiss paper, "Derbund," says: "Germany recently boasted that she dominated the North Sea. The British Navy has taken action and given an answer that will ring throughout the world."

He Was Lucky

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the German wireless admission that the captain of the Altmark tried to ram the destroyer Cossack, an authoritative statement recalls the execution of Captain Fryatt during the last war by the Germans on a charge of having rammed a German submarine.

The statement adds that, by German canons, the captain of the Altmark was lucky to have escaped a similar fate.

NEW AID FOR THE COLONIES

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mediately, and to establish a new organisation designed to develop the welfare of the services of health and housing and similar services in the West Indies.

£1,000,000 Limit Abolished

As regards colonies generally, it is proposed to abolish the limit of £1,000,000 annually to which colonial development is at present restricted and introduce a new vote for assistance to be available for schemes involving capital expenditure on services like agriculture, education, health and housing.

The help of the Colonial Development Welfare Advisory Committee will be enlisted and the expenditure will cover all colonies protected by the British Empire and High Commission territories of South Africa.

Furthermore a sum not exceeding £500,000 annually will be devoted to colonial research.

Improving Economic Conditions

It is not expected that a full scale expenditure cannot be attained at once, but on the other hand should experience show that the sums are ultimately insufficient, it will be open to Parliament to increase them.

The first emphasis in this much enlarged policy of colonial development will be on improvement of economic conditions as this is a primary requirement on which advance in other directions is largely consequent.

In implementing the policy there will be guidance from London, but it will be in no spirit of dictation, and the policy will involve no derogation from the rights and privileges of the local legislatures.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first race will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be rung at 12.00 noon. On Saturday, 24th February, the first race will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (badges \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 noon ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21202).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Times will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

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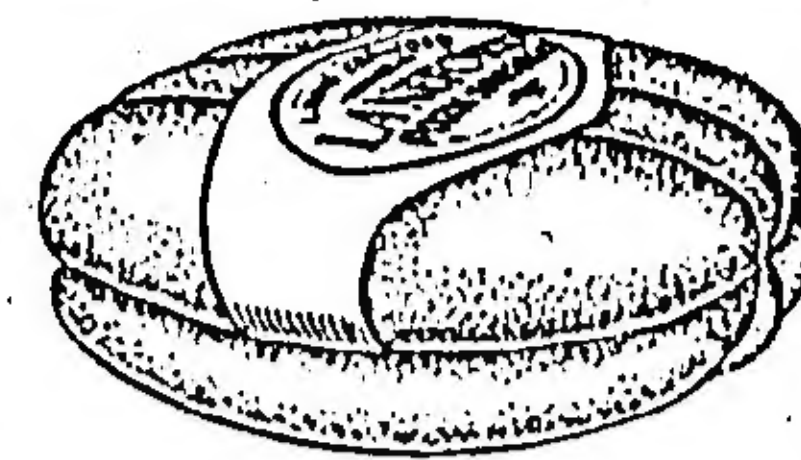
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

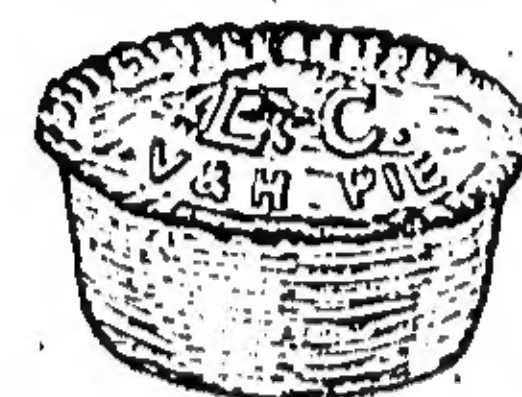
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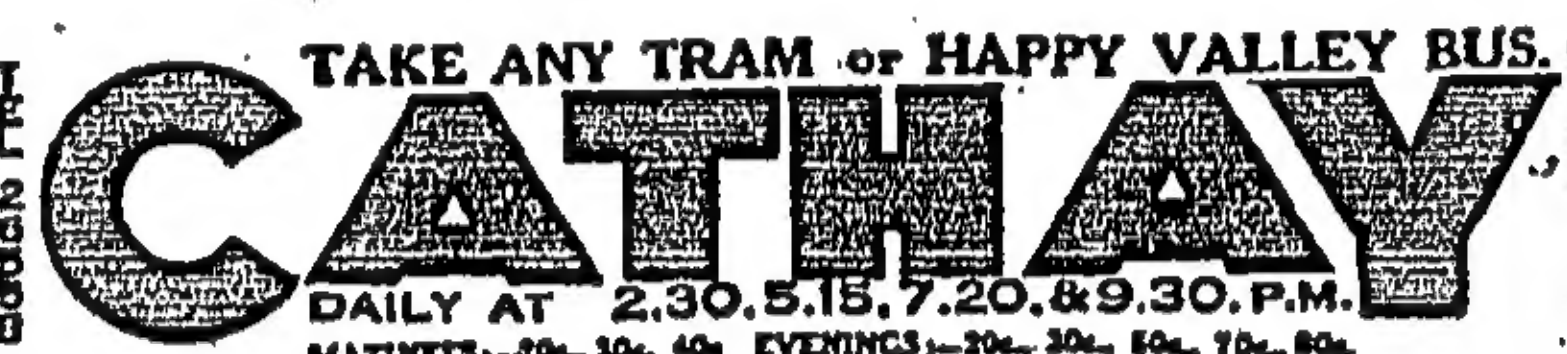
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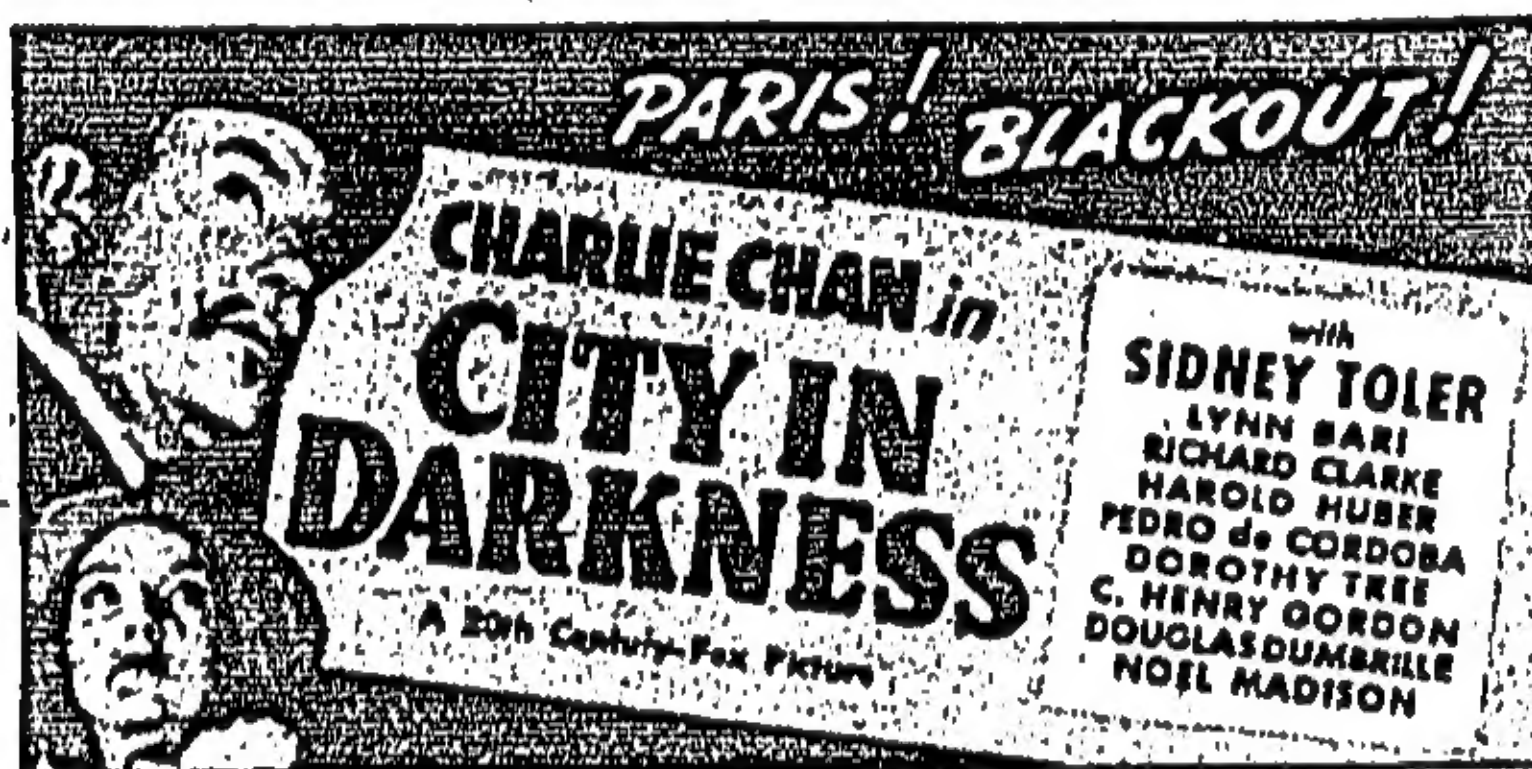


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Reply To Lord Haw-Haw

LISTEN to Adolf Hitler, whom Haw-Haw calls His Master's Voice:
"Part of the secret of being believed lies in the size of your lie, since the broad masses of the people will more easily be taken in by a big lie than a small one."

That little effort appears in the dulllest book ever written, "Mein Kampf."

Lord Haw-Haw, who is one of the Fuehrer's chief mouthpieces, and whose nightly broadcasts in English are so much funnier than the B.B.C. comedians, has learned this lesson.

His news talks in English last week contained all the shades of lie and half-truth, sophistry and sarcasm, known to the tub-thumpers in Hyde Park.

Out-Hawed ... And here are a few replies to typical Haw-Haw specimens: It was a remarkable week for His Lordship.

Lie No. 1: "Great Britain's imports have dropped by 42.2 per cent. and her exports by 46.6 per cent. ... since the war." (Friday, 8.15.)
The Truth: Haw-Haw doesn't seem to know there's a war on. British imports in November—at nearly 2,000,000,000—were the highest for 18 months—as Britain bought the war materials with which to smash Nazism. British exports last month, maintained by a Navy which rules the seas, were only 17 per cent. below the previous November's figure.

German exports for the same month were (in good cash) approximately nil. Neutrals like dollars and pounds—not trading promises which are never kept.

Lie No. 2 (and many little white lies)—Haw-Haw had a lot to say about the air battle over Heligoland, in which he claimed that the Nazis had shot down 34, 36, or perhaps 40 British bombers (he was never quite sure how many). The facts were: we lost seven, but we shot down 12 Messerschmitts.

Quoted the Times as saying that the new German fighters were faster and better than the British Spitfires. The Times merely said they were faster, which is vastly different. British planes are much easier to handle in war conditions.

Adding Up

Lie No. 3: When he came to Russia, Haw-Haw really laid it on with a hammer and sickle.
"Stalin has maintained his policy of co-operation with the Reich," he shouted on Thursday. "German and Russian friendship has been reinstated ... both great Powers are assisting each other politically and economically on a large scale."

The Truth: Haw-Haw didn't mention that Stalin is building a Maginot Line between his new Polish boundary and Germany.

He didn't mention that German trade delegations have been snubbed all over Russia—and sometimes refused passport facilities.

He didn't mention that Germany gave Finland some quiet help, just to annoy Russia—and that Stalin knows it.

And if you want to know anything more about how fond these dictators are of each other, read Madame Tabou's articles.

Wrong Time-Table

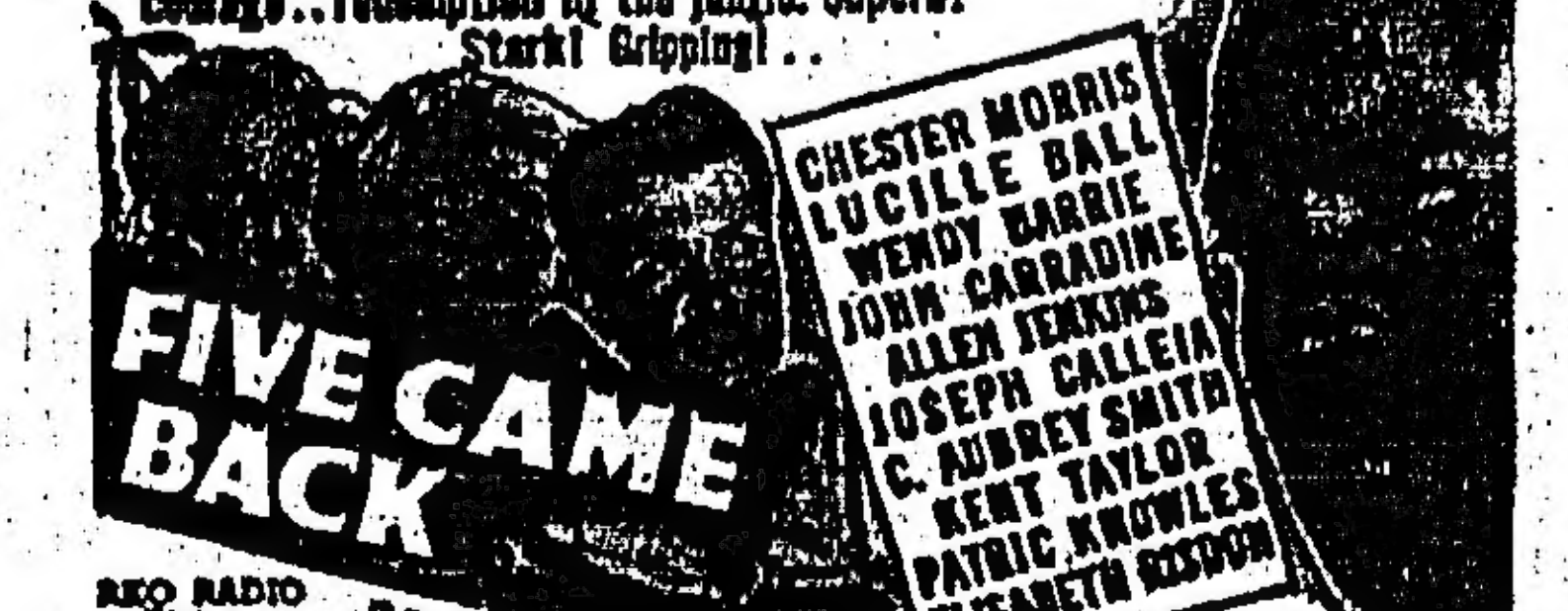
Lie No. 4: His Lordship went astray, as usual, when he said his little piece about Britain being blockaded into defeat.
"Britain has completely underestimated the dangers of the blockade instituted by her own Government," he said. "She had reckoned on a short war."

The Truth: A week after war started the Prime Minister announced that the country was ready and prepared for a three years' fight. It is Germany who wants a short war, not Britain. Britain has the resources to wait ten years—or more—and still win.

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LATE NEWS INTENSE RAIDS

HELINGSFORS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The capital has had the worst day of air alarms for some time. There were six warnings during the day.

A train from Turku to Helsinki was halted six times by alarms and the passengers had to scatter into the woods near the line.

It is reported that seven parachutists were dropped west of Helsinki.

Russian bombers near Helsinki were supported by fighters and several battles are reported between them and some of Finland's new aircraft.

At least two Russian planes are stated to have been shot down.

There were also several severe air raids at Viipuri and Kuopio.

The Finns are repelling all Soviet attempts to relieve the remnants of the Russian 54th Division cut off some time ago in the Kuhmo area in eastern Finland.

At least 5,000 Russians from this division were killed in the last fortnight.

Fifty bombs were dropped in two raids on Kuopio and there were also raids on Nurmes and Joensuu, towns on the main railway line to the Karelian Isthmus.

Another Big Kowloon Blaze

ANOTHER squatters village on the outskirts of Kowloon was partially destroyed by fire in the early hours this morning.

The blaze, which was partly visible to Star Ferry passengers crossing the harbour at 1 a.m., started through the thatched roof of a hut occupied by a 58-year-old woman catching fire.

It spread rapidly and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene an area containing approximately 100 buildings had been burnt out.

About 500 people have been rendered homeless.

Paying For The War

Token Sums For Forces To Appear On Estimates

London, Feb. 20.
The Treasury has decided that for 1940 and the duration of the war provision for the armed forces, the Ministry of Supply and other Services connected with the war shall be made by a token sum of £100 for each vote.

A Treasury minute states that it is neither practicable nor desirable to present to Parliament detailed estimates purporting to cover the whole cost for the Navy, Army, Air Force, Ministry of Supply and certain other Services. The expenditure on these Services must clearly depend on the course and progress of the war and it is not desirable in the public interest to disclose through the estimates the nature and extent of the war effort as envisaged at the time the estimates were published.

There appears, therefore to be no satisfactory alternative to dispensing, for the duration, with estimates for these Services in normal form and make provision for the whole of this expenditure under votes of credit token issued to-day for the Navy estimates of 1940.

The strength of the Navy is not given and each particular item of expenditure will be represented by £100, the total being £1,800. A Navy supplementary estimate will be provided for such additional numbers of officers, seamen, boys and Royal Marines for the Navy and Royal Marine Police as His Majesty may deem necessary.

The maximum numbers at present authorised are 145,000 officers, seamen, boys and Royal Marines and 176 Royal Marine Police.—Reuter.

DARING MIDNIGHT ROBBERY

Bandits Abduct Girl In Sedan Car

GANGSTER METHODS were introduced to Hongkong last night in one of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the Colony.

The victim, a 20-year-old dancing hostess named Pak Suet, lost jewellery valued at over \$14,000 as a result of the affray.

She was abducted in the city in a large black sedan car by four men, robbed of her jewellery whilst the car travelled at a fast speed towards Happy Valley and was finally thrown out of the car in Caroline Hill Road.

As soon as the girl was thrown onto the roadway the car sped back towards the city.

Police this morning are searching for four Chinese, said to be regular habitués of local cabarets. At least one is believed to have come to Hongkong from Shanghai.

Dancing Hostess

The girl is employed as a dancing hostess at the China Emporium Ballroom.

She met one of the alleged bandits there shortly after 10 p.m. last night and agreed to accompany him to the Capital Ballroom shortly after midnight. They were joined there by two other men.

A short while after the girl decided to return to the China Emporium Ballroom and the three men offered to drive her there in their car.

As soon as she entered the car one of the men produced a revolver whilst another placed a hand over her mouth.

Throw Rings From Car
The girl agreed to hand over her jewellery, and commenced to take her rings off her fingers.

As the car passed the Hongkong Hotel in Queen's Road the girl, hoping the attention of nearby pedestrians would be attracted, suddenly threw her two rings out of the window.

The car stopped and one of the men leapt out to retrieve the rings. The girl managed to momentarily free herself from the grip of the other man and screamed for assistance.

Without waiting for the confederate who had gone back to search for the two rings, the car drove off again at a high speed.

The girl was robbed of her remaining jewellery whilst en route to Happy Valley.

In addition to the two rings—one of which was valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$15,000—the girl lost a white gold bracelet valued at \$2,000, a gold necklace valued at \$70, \$140 in cash and other items.

It is not known whether the bandits recovered the rings thrown into Queen's Road or whether they were picked up by pedestrians.

Previous Robbery

The "Telegraph" learns that Pak Suet, who lives in Min Fat Street, was wearing jewellery which figured in sensational robbery about two years ago.

She was also the victim of the earlier hold-up.

The jewellery on that occasion was stolen from her home. Police subsequently made an arrest and the jewellery was recovered. The robber is still serving a sentence in Stanley Prison.

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JOURNALIST CHARGED

Young Handed to Court For Trial Soon

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

The Police have handed over James R. Young to the office of the Procurator of the Tokyo District

Court. He is charged with violation of the military penal code.

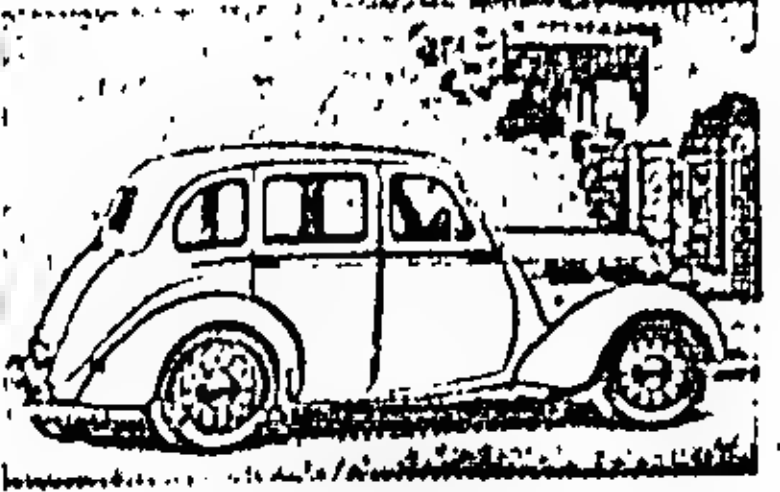
Young, a journalist, has been detained since January 21 at Marunouchi Police Station for questioning.

The Foreign Office spokesman indicated unofficially that he expected the trial to begin soon.—United Press.

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Moscow—Radio Announces Entry Into City and Fortress of Koivisto

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, FEB. 21 (UP).—RADIO-MOSCOW OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCES THAT THE RUSSIAN FORCES WHICH BROKE THROUGH THE MANNER-HEIM LINE SOUTH OF SUMMA HAVE CAPTURED THE CITY AND FORTRESS OF KOIVISTO.

Koivisto is the gateway to Viborg (Viipuri), second largest city in Finland.

Viborg Compromised

The fortresses guard the sea entrance to Viborg which, if the Russian claim is substantiated, is now seriously compromised.

Fighting has been on a tremendous scale, the desperate Finns contesting every inch of ground.

Political Crisis In Sweden

KING GUSTAV V MAY ABDICATE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, FEB. 21 (DOMEI).—INTERNATIONAL DISSENSION IN SWEDEN REGARDING THE REJECTION OF FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE ABDICATION OF KING GUSTAV V OF SWEDEN, ACCORDING TO THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "TIDENS TEGEN."

The Correspondent states that serious differences have arisen between the Swedish High Command and the Swedish Government as a result of the rejection of Finland's appeal.

Sweden, as a result, is confronted with a political crisis of the first magnitude.

There are indications that the crisis will result in the downfall of the Government, which rejected Finland's appeal in face of the opposition of the Swedish Army.

Crown Prince Would Succeed

King Gustav, who at 82 years of age is the oldest monarch in the world, has publicly announced the decision reached by his Cabinet.

The Correspondent states that Crown Prince Gustav would succeed to the Throne if the King abdicates.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden visited Hongkong in 1926. They travelled incognito, passing through Hongkong in the s.s. Katori Maru.

King Gustav V is a great-grandfather. In addition to being the world's oldest monarch, he is also its tallest and most sports-minded.

Very Popular Monarch

His popularity with his subjects is immense, and the esteem with which he is held by his people was well demonstrated in 1938, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

He is one of the world's most democratic rulers.

"Pravda" Attacks The Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Domei).—For the first time since the signing of the Russo-German Pact, sharp criticism of Germany has appeared in "Pravda", official organ of the Soviet Communist Party.

"Pravda" to-day bitterly assails the German newspaper "Nacht Ausgabe" for its reports that Soviet Russia entertains territorial ambitions on Norway.

"The editor of this newspaper totally ignores the recent improvement in German-Soviet relations," says "Pravda."

The Russians are using their mechanised units to considerable effect and, in addition, are attacking the Finnish positions from the air on a scale that makes previous aerial offensives in world history child's play.

The Finnish air force, inadequate as it is to take off for aerial combat with overwhelming numbers of Russian machines, is giving battle wherever possible in an effort to stem the Russian bombing and strafing raids.

The Russians claim that 47 Finnish pursuit planes were brought down in aerial combat during yesterday.

Unequal Contests

The Russian communiqué states that the retreating Finns have been forced to abandon large quantities of war materials.

To-day's Finnish communiqué remains silent on the threat to Viborg, but claims that elsewhere on the Isthmus front the Russians are being held.

Finnish Communiqué

An official communiqué states that the attacks yesterday between the Gulf of Finland and Moulhaervi were repulsed.

In the east of the Karelian Isthmus the enemy attempted to advance on Lake Suvanto towards Vuosila but he was stopped on the ice and retired after suffering heavy losses, states the communiqué.

The Finnish troops on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga continued to mop up the enemy positions and beat off all the Soviet counter-attacks.

Russian Positions Captured

The Finns captured several Russian positions at Kuhmo.

The Finnish coastal batteries dispersed an enemy detachment which, supported by tanks, tried to advance on Lake Ladoga. The enemy lost 200 men.

The Finnish coastal batteries on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga destroyed the ammunition stores and battery of the heavy Soviet artillery.

The Finnish air forces continued to attack columns of men and troop concentrations and carried out successfully many bombing flights. There were several air battles.

Six Planes Brought Down

Russian Air Force activity continued on a big scale, several small villages being bombed but so far only seven people are reported killed and six wounded.

Six Russian planes were certainly brought down. The loss of six others has been reported but not yet confirmed.

British Warships Off Finland

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—According to a Rome despatch, the Italian Press reports the presence of British cruisers near Petsamo, near which German ships enter the long passage of Norwegian waters.

It is stated that Germany has forced the Allies to consider these waters in a special light.

The "Avvenire" commenting upon the report, asks: "What are the intentions of the British Admiralty?"

Germany's Threat To Sweden

Amazing Allegation Against Hitler

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20 (UP).—Accusations that Germany had threatened to involve Sweden in a general war if the Swedes actively participated in the military defence of Finland, were made in leading Scandinavian papers to-day.

They stated that the declarations by the Swedish Prime Minister and King Gustav did not reveal the precise reasons why the Swedish Government considered it would be drawn into a war.

However, observe the newspapers, it is clear that some country, or countries, have been threatening Sweden with war, and it is generally known that Germany was the country to do so.

Russia Buys War Needs From America

Striking Figures

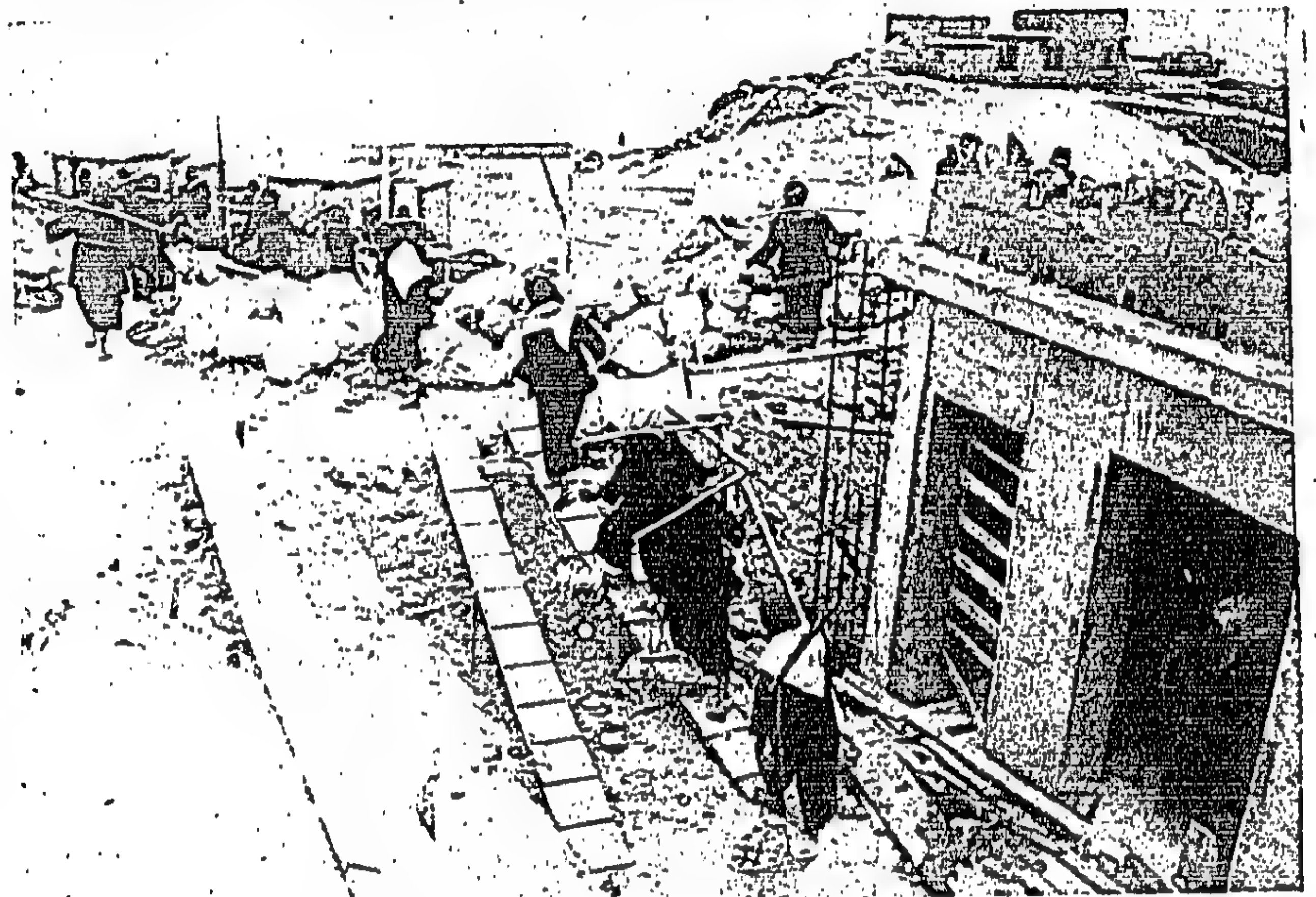
New York, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The disclosure that strategic materials and machinery essential for war industries constituted almost 90 per cent. of Russian purchases from the United States since the outbreak of the war in Europe was made by the Department of Commerce, according to a "Dow Jones" Washington telegram.

Special analysis shows that exports to Russia for the five months ending January 31 totalled \$30,000,000 of which \$33,000,000 constituted war essentials.

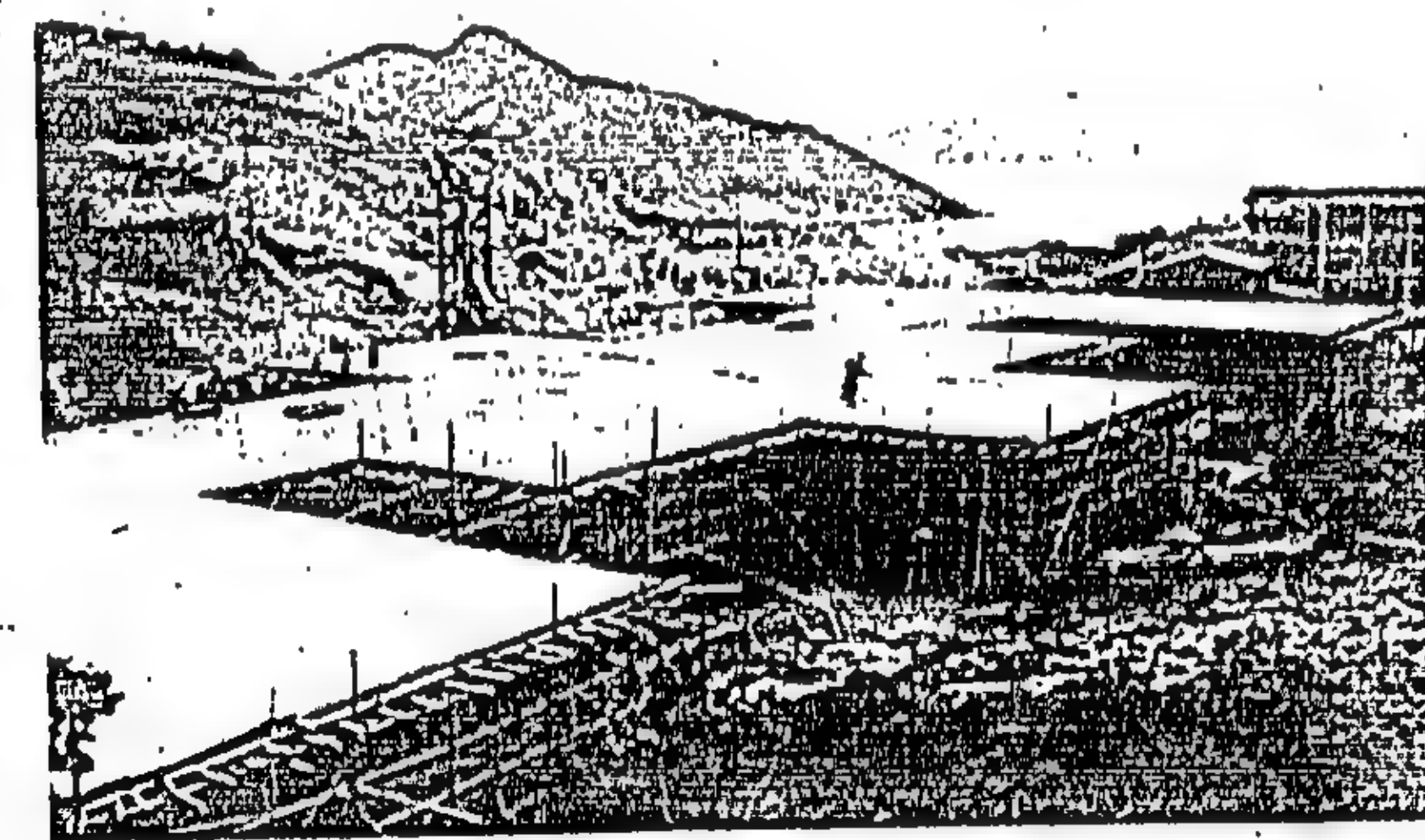
Virtually all January's exports to Russia were copper and metal-working machinery valued at \$11,313,000 compared with exports of January last year totalling \$1,767,000.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



MUCH HARD LABOUR and tons of concrete go into the making of defence works for Hongkong. Coolie labour is well paid.



A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT under construction in Hongkong. The construction branches of the military are kept busy at new fortifications and building accommodations for the new reinforcements in the Colony.

"This Admirably Conducted Operation"

Premier on The Altmark Episode

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, described the release of British prisoners from the Altmark as "this admirably conducted operation."

Loud cheers greeted this description when Mr. Chamberlain reviewed the circumstances which led to the escape of the 299 British seamen from the German ship.

These prisoners, said the Prime Minister, were closely confined in a German naval supply ship for more than three months.

Government's Satisfaction

"His Majesty's Government are at present awaiting full reports from the naval officers concerned in this very gallant affair, but I am sure that the House will join the Government in the satisfaction they feel at the release of officers and crews of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee (Cheers) after their long ordeal, and that Members will desire also to congratulate the Royal Navy most

"I feel bound to say that the account makes the action, or rather the inaction, of the Norwegian Government even more difficult to understand. PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

East Coast Attacks

Ships Raided By Enemy Planes

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Several ships were attacked this afternoon by enemy planes off the Northumberland, Norfolk, Lincolnshire and Suffolk coasts.

An S.O.S. from one of the attacked ships was heard by wireless listeners on the Norfolk coast.

Air raid warnings and gunfire were heard in south east Essex.

German Claim

BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The official German news agency claims that "two British mine-layers and an armed British merchantman" were sunk by German planes "in the course of reconnaissance flights to the English coast, Scotch east coast and the Shetland Islands."

No Confirmation

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—No confirmation whatever of the German claims is available here. It is stated that one fishingboat was attacked.

LATEST

1-12.00 NOON—GRAND STAND STAKES—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winner's barrier. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

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See Back Page For Further Late News

ENGLISHWOMAN TELLS OF NAZI INTERNMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (UP).—The first reliable account of the experiences of British women in German internment prisons, following the occupation of Poland, was given exclusively to the "United Press" to-day by Miss Ida Daniels in a telephonic interview from Rotterdam.

Miss Daniels was formerly governess to the children of Prince Czartoryski, who had a big estate near Cracow.

It was there that Prince Bernhard and Princess Juliana of the Netherlands spent part of their honeymoon. Declaring that Holland "looks like heaven" after her experiences of the past few months, Miss Daniels said: "We spent four months in prison."

Often we had bad food, although everybody was nice to us.

"On October 21 we were ordered to report at Cracow and allowed to take only a rug, soap, and a toothbrush.

"Afterwards we were taken to the Beuthen concentration camp, where we met the other women of our party. Here we were treated decently, although the food was bad."

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INWARD MAILS

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 10th February. Feb. 21.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service" San Francisco date, 14th February. Feb. 21.

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service" Paris date, 14th February. Feb. 21.

Calcutta and Straits. Feb. 21.

Java and Manila. Feb. 21.

Japan. Feb. 21.

Shanghai. Feb. 21.

Straits. Feb. 21.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 14th February. Feb. 22.

Amoy. Feb. 22.

Hongkong and Saigon. Feb. 22.

Haiphong. Feb. 22.

Canton. Feb. 22.

U.S.A., Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.). Feb. 23.

Shanghai. Feb. 24.

Canton. Feb. 24.

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai and Manila (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.). Feb. 24.

January. Feb. 24.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 17th February. Feb. 25.

Straits. Feb. 25.

OUTWARD MAILS

Wednesday, Feb. 21

Straits and Calcutta. 11.00 a.m.

Ord. Noon.

Shanghai. 2.30 p.m.

Straits. 2.30 p.m.

Swatow. 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for India-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 28th February.

K.F.O.

Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.

Reg. Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 21, 7.00 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 28th February.

K.F.O.

Reg. Feb. 21, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.

Reg. Feb. 21, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 22, 7.30 a.m.

Thursday, Feb. 22

Canton. 7.15 a.m.

Straits. 10.30 a.m.

Sandakan. 12.30 p.m.

Haiphong. 1 p.m.

Amoy. 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 23

Amoy and Shanghai. 10 a.m.

Saturday, Feb. 24

Straits. 8.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa. 10.30 a.m.

Parcels only for Tientsin. 2.30 p.m.

Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" due London 3rd March.

G.F.O. & K.F.O.

Reg. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.

Ord. Feb. 24, 5.30 p.m.

Haiphong. 5.30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 25

Shanghai. 9 a.m.

Sniglon, Sandakan, Madang, Salamau, Tatalau and Tulagi. 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 26

Canton. 7.15 a.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco due San Francisco 17th March.

G.F.O. and K.F.O.

Parcels. Feb. 24, 5 p.m.

Reg. Feb. 20, 9.45 a.m.

Ord. Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.

Haiphong. 1 p.m.

Fort Bayard and Hollow. 1.30 p.m.

Bangkok. 2.30 p.m.



After a lunch of roast pork followed by Christmas pudding and beer the inmates started their party. The women went to their wards for dancing. Here are some of them at "Knees-Up Mother Brown."



WHILE the women were dancing the men broke up into groups. Some to play 501 up at darts—

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All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.
The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

Abbey Service For Lord Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that memorial services for the late Lord Tweedsmuir are being arranged in Westminster Abbey and St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, to take place on Thursday.
The funeral will be private.
Mr. Eden added that he was sure the House would wish him to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the great services which Lord Tweedsmuir had rendered to the Empire, and of expressing deep sympathy with his family.

Churchill Cheered

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—When Mr. Winston Churchill took his seat in the House of Commons to-day he was greeted with cheers.

The Weather Prophet

Pretends He Is Our Enemy

By An Air Correspondent
A WEATHER forecaster in the Meteorological Office plays a strange game every day—he pretends to be a German in the German weather department.

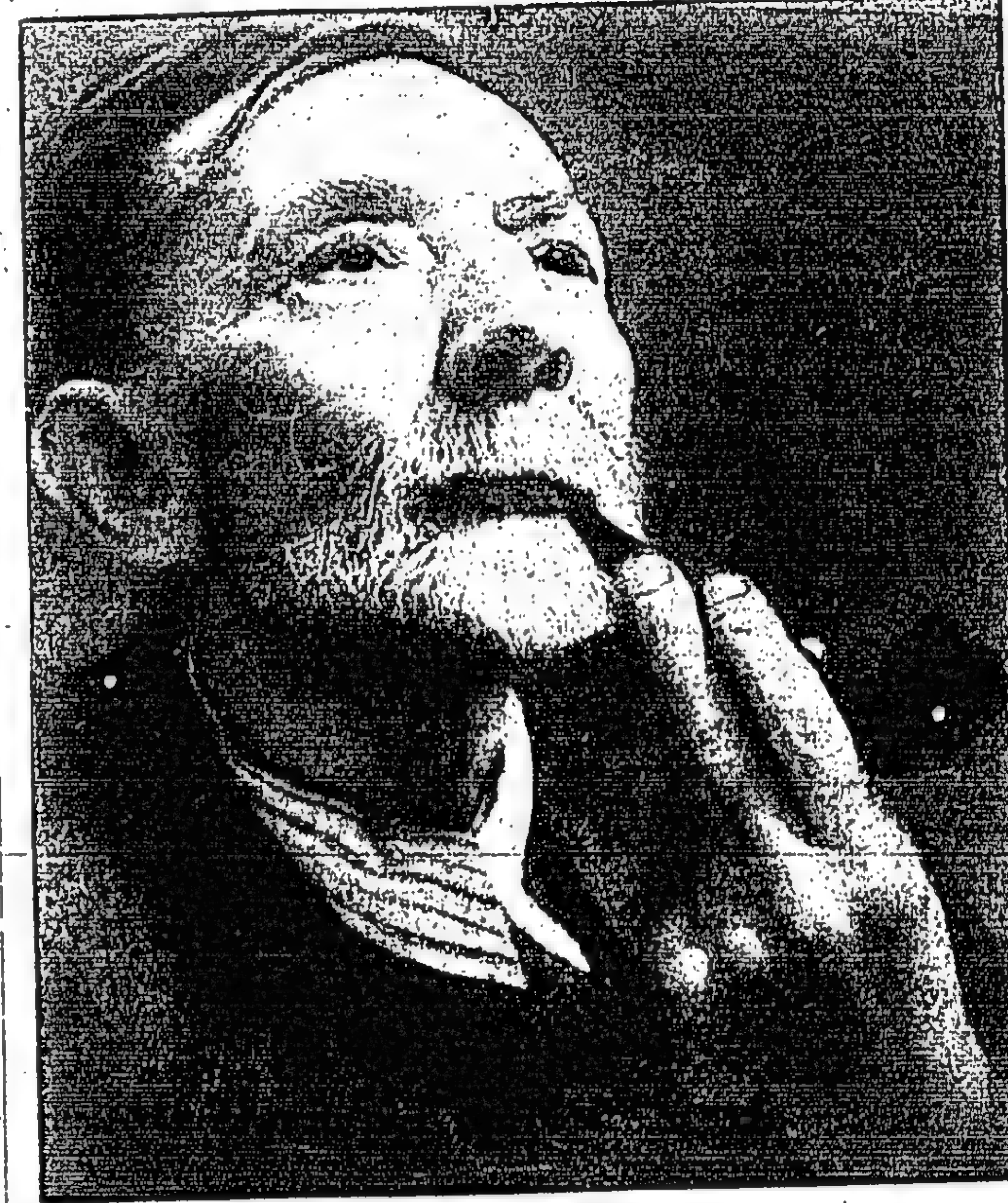
Since the war began Germany has been cut off from the supply of weather information necessary for making accurate forecasts. Britain, France, Holland and Belgium no longer publish weather information. Ships in the North Atlantic no longer give weather reports which indicate what is coming to Britain—and Germany.

Sources Still Open

Each day the British Meteorological Office prepares the forecasts as it did in peace-time: but they are used only for the Forces. The details, including those of immediately past and current weather, are guarded from the enemy.
Germany still has some sources of weather information. Local observations can be obtained from Elbe and Iceland.
In our weather department the limited information which is available to Germany is supplied to an expert forecaster who does not know the rest of the story. He prepares what might be the German weather chart. The "German" chart and forecasts are then compared with the British chart and forecast.
Departmental officials remark briefly that "they differ materially."

Balloon Barometers

Balloons which broadcast automatically what the weather is like in the upper atmosphere, are used daily by the Meteorological Office to obtain information for the preparation of the forecasts which are now secret documents.
Attached to each balloon are a thermometer, a barometer, a humidity indicator and a small radio trans-



"The Circle" A Splendid Achievement

Best A.D.C. Show Since "Night Must Fall"

The Hongkong A.D.C. has another notable achievement to its credit if last night's dress rehearsal of Somerset Maugham's "The Circle" is any criterion of what patrons can expect at the four performances which start this evening and continue nightly until Saturday.
It is quite likely that the majority will consider this production as the best since "Night Must Fall", produced by the A.D.C. three years ago. Last night's dress rehearsal was practically flawless, and two people at least agreed brilliant success. I. E. Wynne-Jones in his debut on the local stage, gave a magnificent portrayal and vied with Helen Prior for chief honours. Winnie Cox presented a very pleasing study and Cecil Chapman revealed that he has lost none of the talents which have made him one of the most effective amateur players in the Far East.
Excellent too was the work of E. B. Teasdale and Andrew Mackintosh, while Beth Smith-Wright and H. C. Macnamara rounded off an ideal cast.
Hongkong can look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a production par excellence.

At each 1,000 foot level the radio set sends out a series of signals which give the readings of the three instruments. The balloon can ascend to 40,000 feet before it either bursts or drifts slowly to earth.

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Norway Loses Two Ships

Overtaken By North Sea Death Trap

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Norwegian steamer Sangstad (7,850 tons) is reported to have been sunk in the North Sea on Sunday last.
She was en route from La Plata to Norway with a full cargo of grain which had been purchased by the Norwegian Government.
The crew of 26 and one blind passenger were saved.

All hopes have now been abandoned for the Norwegian steamer Hop (2,250 tons) which sailed for Tyneside on February 3, and has not been heard of since.
A crew of 18 were aboard the vessel.

Danish Survivors Safe
COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The owners of the Danish steamer, Sleipner, sunk last Thursday evening, have announced that seven of the crew and six Greek passengers, who were reported missing, have been landed at a British port.

MORE BRITISH AID FOR FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Minister to London visited Viscount Halifax at the British Foreign Office this afternoon.
They discussed the Russo-Finnish conflict and the developments in Scandinavia.
It is understood that they also examined the possibility of expediting and increasing shipments of British arms to Finland.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR TOLL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MADRID, Feb. 20 (UP).—It was revealed to-day by General Bermudez de Castro, in the course of a signed article, that no less than 77,000 Nationalist soldiers were killed or died during the Spanish Civil War. Of these 70,000 perished on the battlefields and a further 7,000 died through illness.
He also revealed that 750,000 people, including soldiers and non-combatants were sent to hospital for treatment during the course of the war.

The decision means that the technical position will remain unaltered for at least two months, and if the trade demand does not relax in the near future, operators are of the opinion that there will be still larger backwordation of the forward positions.

This might encourage consumers to buy forward as a guarantee to meet eventual requirements, besides having the advantage of backwordation.

Some traders hope that the second quarter licences will be released in advance in an effort to bring relief to the nearer positions.

Others to have a "hundred up" on the billiards table. But some, like the grand old man on the left, just to sit—and think—and smoke.

Grannie is a popular figure. Although she's 99 she is still young enough to pull a cracker with some of her friends.



Rubber Outlook Optimistic

Probable Effect Of Quota Decision

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The International Rubber Committee's decision to maintain the quota at 80 per cent, for the second quarter is in accord generally to the market's expectation. Consequently, prices are not materially affected.

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Lovely Mary Haines, a happy wife and devoted mother is a member of New York's wealthy "gossip" set. One day, Sylvia Fowler, an ace-meddler, finds that Mary's husband Stephen is "romancing" Crystal Allen, a pretty sales-girl. She spreads the word around and Mary finds out but for the sake of her child she takes her mother's advice, says nothing to Stephen and goes to Bermuda. On her return however, she encounters Crystal at a fashion show. They quarrel and Edith, Sylvia's friend, gives the details to a gossip columnist. This story is based on the M.G.M. version of the stage play of the same name, which will be screened in Hong-kong shortly.

DOLLY DE PEYSTER did a grand job of the juicy item. In true tabloid style, she informed her readers that:

"Wife K.O.'s Love Thief." By the next day everybody was buzzing with it. After that, the open quarrel with Stephen was inevitable. There were things said on both sides, bitter, harsh

She shook her head. "He won't do that." "What makes you so sure?" Mary had had all this out with herself. "Because deep down, Stephen does love me but he won't find it out until I've really gone away." Yes, it must work out like that. It was bound to. "You'll make Little Mary write to me once a week won't you? And please Mother, don't spoil her so."

"But—but sometimes married people don't stay in love. The husband and wife fall out of love." Her throat felt raw. "And when they do they get unmarried. They—they get what is called a divorce." Little Mary was wide-eyed. "I know what that is. Lots of my friends have mummies and daddies who are divorced." "Well," her voice was barely a whisper. "Your father and I are getting a divorce. That's why I'm going away. That's why—oh darling, I can't explain to you quite but —"

LITTLE Mary's lips quivered. Now she was beginning to understand. "Mother, doesn't Daddy love you any more?" "No, he doesn't." "Don't you love him?" "I—I—no, Mary." "Oh Mother why?"

"I don't know but it isn't either Daddy's or Mother's fault. You'll just have to take my word for it. Now



Introductions were made and Mary learned that her blonde friend was the Countess de Lage, internationally known for her marriages to a string of young and handsome men. The other girl was Miriam Arnold, lately of the Vanities chorus and the commercial modelling field.

With her second glass of champagne Mary began to warm up to them. She liked them. Each in her own way was quite nice and genuine. "You're just what I need Countess," she said suddenly. "D'you mind if I ask you a personal question?" "No dear, of course not. I love to talk about myself." "Doesn't it take a lot of courage to marry so often?"

"My way," the Countess went on, "your marriage may not last till death but it's fun while it holds together and I think it's cruel to stand around waiting for someone to die don't you? And it usually takes years too. What did you pick yours for Miriam?"

"Not for character," was the dry retort. "There. You see? No matter what you pick 'em for, where does it get you?" Mary intoned, "On the train for Reno."

The Women

words that neither could take back. One thing Mary always thought about afterwards—the earnest, pleading way Stephen had told her that this was his first lapse and the hurt defeat in his eyes when she had said she could never trust him again.

THE preparations for the divorce started next day and finally the afternoon arrived when Mary was all ready to catch the train for Reno.

Her mother was snapping her bugs closed. "Go bathe your eyes. You can't get on the train looking like that. And remember, you have to tell Little Mary yet —"

"I'll tell her," Mary said dully. "I've been putting it off because—"

"Because you hope at the last minute a miracle will keep you from making a mess of your life? Have you thought that Stephen might marry that girl?"

"Spoil her!" Mrs. Morehead looked her reproach. "You'd think I never raised any children of my own."

Little Mary was waiting for her in the other room. Mary pulled her to the couch. "Darling." It was going to be even more painful and difficult than she had thought. "I want to talk to you dear."

"Have I done something wrong Mother?"

"Oh no darling, no. Mary, you know Daddy's been gone for some time—a month. And now I must tell you why." She plunged in. "You see dear, when a man and woman fall in love they get married. And the—"

come along, maybe I can explain it better in the car, on the way to the station—"

She stopped short as the door opened and Jane handed her a box of flowers. They were orchids and for a moment, wild hope flooded over her as she saw Stephen's card. Then she read the message: "What can I say? Stephen."

In a gesture of revulsion she threw them from her. "Come Mary, I—I don't want to miss my train."

THAT night she sat in the club car of the thundering vehicle that was speeding her westward. Suddenly, a voice addressed her. She turned to see a big blonde woman holding out a glass of champagne.

"Have some of this dear. You look so desolate. This must be your first trip to Reno."

Mary smiled a little. "Yes it is." "Well, it's my fourth. But I remember the first time very well. I felt just like you look. Alone and scared." She beckoned to a bright faced little brunette who was sitting near the window. "You too dear, don't sit over there in that corner. Come and have a little drinkie."

"Not after the first few. What it really takes is money. None of my husbands ever had a bean." She peered out into the semi-darkness. "Oh dear, those mountains remind me of my third husband. He was a Swiss. I nearly broke my neck sliding down one of those Alpine glaciers once. I always thought Gustave pushed me."

Mary giggled. "No wonder you divorced him."

"Oh but love takes care of its own," the Countess beamed. "Ah, I'm sorry, I slid right into the arms of my fourth husband the Count."

"The one you're divorcing now?" Miriam asked. "Yes, I'm sorry. What could I do when I found he was putting arsenic in my headache powders." She brooded a moment. "Trouble with me I don't pick 'em for their characters." She turned to Mary. "I'll bet you picked yours for character, didn't you?"

"Well—partly."

"And where's it got you? On the train for Reno."

"Well, don't do it. I made the same mistake twice. Place to hang out while you're taking the cure is a dude ranch, the Double Bar T. You won't get lonesome there because the place furnishes cowboys."

"Cow-boys!" Miriam exclaimed. "What for?"

"For practically nothing. You just have to pay for their eats and drinks if they take you to town."

Mary nodded. "Ranch. Might be nice to ride every day."

"There's one more drinkie apiece girls," the Countess said stridently. "What'll it be to?" Mary raised her glass. Her lips twisted with bitterness. "To Reno—biggest Little City in the world—the Great American Cradle of Liberty."

"Reno," Miriam breathed. "Beautiful City of the Great Divide."

The Countess shook her head sadly. "Only my husbands never have anything to divide."

With deep understanding they clinked glasses and drank.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

- 1—Pond
- 2—Handker
- 3—Hinter
- 4—Social circle
- 5—Custom
- 6—Faded
- 7—Not any (law)
- 8—Mohammed's relative
- 9—Gardens
- 10—Branch of Mediterranean
- 11—Hodent
- 12—One who begs
- 13—French protectorate
- 14—Faint
- 15—Condition
- 16—Theater boxes
- 17—Over (poetic)
- 18—Legume
- 19—Ice
- 20—French war plane
- 21—In contact with
- 22—Apricot
- 23—Gerald's wife
- 24—Wholly
- 25—One of Cyclopes
- 26—He chairman
- 27—Kernal
- 28—Brother (abbr.)
- 29—Follow
- 30—County capital
- 31—Man's name
- 32—Verbs
- 33—Preceding performance
- 34—Japanese snail
- 35—Press upon
- 36—Horseman's report
- 37—Kind of deer
- 38—Cozy room

DOWN

- 1—Young dog
- 2—Quadrant of nativity
- 3—Quadrangle
- 4—Omelet
- 5—Use sick
- 6—Concerning
- 7—Cause fondness
- 8—Hurdle
- 9—Went sliding
- 10—German governor
- 11—Fondle
- 12—Twisting
- 13—Payroll phrase
- 14—On side away from
- 15—Wind
- 16—Human money
- 17—Walk heavily
- 18—Alfred
- 19—And not
- 20—Grassy area
- 21—Make ice
- 22—Item
- 23—Base error
- 24—Through
- 25—Ankles
- 26—Undress
- 27—Writers like Peps
- 28—Printer's measure
- 29—Upstart
- 30—Cleansing
- 31—Corn bread
- 32—Break through
- 33—Cloth measure
- 34—Buck light
- 35—Write of light
- 36—Breaks: three
- 37—Writer of books
- 38—Stories
- 39—Continuing forms
- 40—Within
- 41—Climbing ratio
- 42—Anno
- 43—Kye (French)
- 44—Anno
- 45—French coin
- 46—Animal
- 47—Note of scale

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PRISON ORDEAL

Englishwomen Tell Of German Experiences

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.
Life under the Gestapo in the German prisons was described by eight Englishwomen who, with two children, are now in a Rotterdam boarding house after four months of captivity in Germany.
They arrived at the Dutch frontier last night. When the war began they lived in Cracow. In October they were summoned to the Gestapo headquarters, taking the barest necessities with them. They were confined in the worst prisons in the town and given a diet of coffee, black bread and soup and made to sleep on straw.
Later they were taken to Nuremberg where the concentration camp authorities refused to receive them and they were lodged in a prison which one of the women described as evidently intended for the worst type of criminal. They were obliged to sleep in their clothes.
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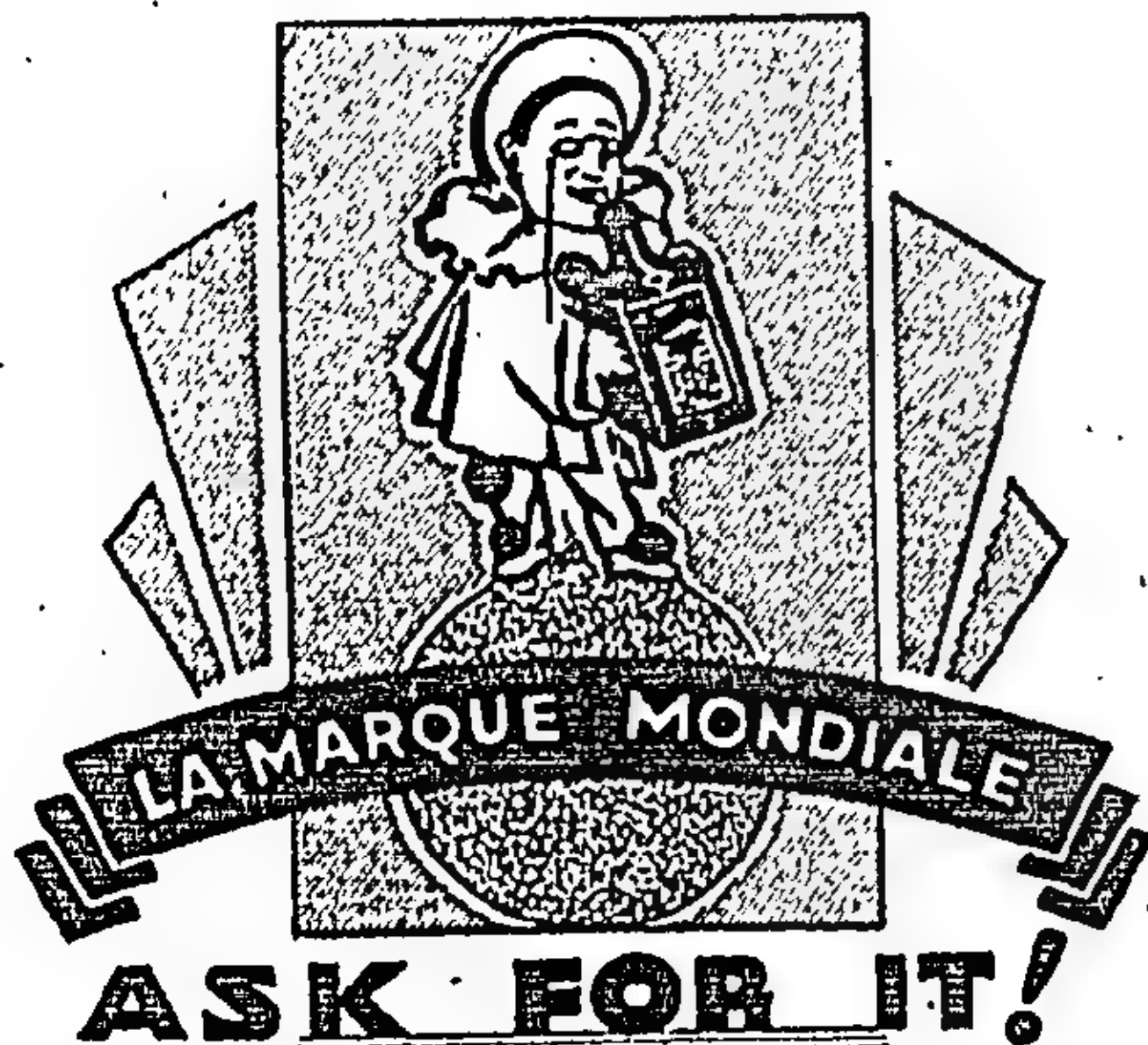
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Britain's First War Film

THERE'S a film coming to Hongkong shortly which is Britain's answer to the oft-made charge that, so far, Germany has been victor on the photography sector of the current war.

It is "The Lion Has Wings", Britain's first full-length war movie, produced by Alexander Korda. Released throughout the world by United Artists, this film will be shown in Hongkong early in March.

Denham Studio

Quiet and unemotional with its stars, Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson, subordinated to its news-reel core, "The Lion Has Wings" was filmed in 12 days and nights, amid great secrecy, at the Denham Studios of Alexander Korda.

Though censors cut out vast footage for fear of revealing defence secrets, it still remains a historic document. It includes a first-rate re-enactment of the September 4 air raid on the Kiel Canal and a dramatic reproduction of a night's work by the Fighter Command, a secret air-protection force.

The London openings of this film was attended by high military and political representatives of Great Britain as well as dignitaries from other European and American countries.

New Screen Role Idea

RECENTLY Leslie Howard, famous British screen star, woke up at Westcott, Surrey, one morning with a big idea.

He had just read the world's best best-seller, Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson's report to Lord Halifax on the last days in Berlin.

His idea was that he, Leslie Howard, should play Ambassador Henderson in a film of that story. A story that holds the greatest drama of this age.

Howard planned to invite great actors to impersonate the actors of this world drama. He thought to go to Conrad Veidt to ask him to be Ribbentrop.



Would be Ambassador.

The film was to be a powerful and effective statement of Britain's war case on the screens of the world.

At first the idea went well. The money was found. Sir Joseph Ball, head of the film section at the Ministry of Information approved. Sir Robert Vansittart, Foreign Office expert, enthused.

Leslie Howard wrote to Lord Halifax setting out his idea. But the idea was turned down.

The Foreign Office said that living people may not be portrayed on the screen.

The film, however, is not dead. Conferences are still being held to discuss how far it may be possible to make it without personalities. Perhaps Howard could be just the British Ambassador, an unidentified statesman as spokesman of Britain's case.

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"Lion Has Wings"



RALPH RICHARDSON, as a British aviation officer, and **Merle Oberon**, as his wife, in the Korda production, "The Lion Has Wings", which is coming to Hongkong next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Death of a Champion."
Oriental: "Risky Business."
Majestic: "Here I am a Stranger."
Queen's: "Back Door to Heaven."
King's: "Naughty but Nice."

'March Of Time' Shows Hongkong Scenes

"The Battle Fleets of Britain," one of the latest March of Time shorts, was made with the full co-operation of the Admiralty and is a dramatic review of the sea might of our British Empire.

This film, which is being shown in many countries all over the world, is good propaganda.

IT reminds us that since we defeated the Spanish Armada we've held sea supremacy, which Germany only once dared challenge in the last war.

We see the formidable Home Fleet patrolling the North Sea and the Mediterranean and the safeguarding of the Suez Canal.

But of even greater interest to local cinemagoers are the scenes of the China Squadron at work.

Special scenes of Hongkong's defences and our A.R.P. organisation are shown. These scenes were taken last year by Mr. V. Jurgens, March of Time photographer, who is back in town filming more of our Colony.

But to return to this particular film. The commentator tells us that during the next twelve months at least one new fighting vessel per week will be launched to increase the present huge fleet. Already we possess more fighting ships than any other navy in the world. We've got our submarines, too, fifty of them and five new aircraft carriers, in addition to those at present in use, are being built.

"The Battle Fleets of Britain" will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres with "Fifth Avenue Girl."

Cinderella Girl Weds

HOLLYWOOD, (UP)—Judy King, one of Hollywood's "Cinderella girls" who is honeymooning recently with Lieut. Ben Funk of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The young actress and the flyer, who met here on a film set, eloped to Winslow, Ariz., and were married by the Rev. Fred Daehler, Funk's brother, Harold, married Evelyn June Payne of Denver in the same ceremony.

Eighteen months ago Miss King came here from Dallas, Tex., to sell the movie a song she composed. The movie-makers looked at her, instead of her song, and the pretty Texas girl was placed under contract as an actress.

Her true name is Pansy Simmons, and she is the daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Simmons of Dallas.

Disney Cartoon Programme

ON Sunday a new Walt Disney cartoon programme will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Included among the cartoons which will be shown are "Goofy and Wilbur," "The Antograph Hound," "Donald's Cousin Gus," "Bend Sinister," "The Hockey Champ," "The Practical Pig," "The Pointer," "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Society Dog Show."

None of these cartoons have been shown in Hongkong before.

Views Of New York Critics

NEW YORK, (UP).—New York critics decided that Samuel Goldwyn's production of "Wuthering Heights" was the best motion picture of 1939.

"Wuthering Heights" was adapted by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur from the novel by Emily Bronte. William Wyler directed it and Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon played the principal roles.

Vivien Leigh, "Scarlet O'Hara" of "Gone With The Wind," was acclaimed for the finest performance of the year by an actress. James Stewart was voted the best actor for his work in the Frank Capra-Columbia production of "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington."

Other awards were: Direction—John Ford for "Stage Coach."

Best Foreign Language Film—"Harvest," (French).

Seventeen critics participated in the voting.

Christopher Robin Film

A. A. MILNE'S "Christopher Robin" poems are being considered by Disney at the moment for a series of new cartoons. Disney is particularly taken by the character of "Winnie the Pooh," the little bear. Probably the most popular children's poems of to-day, these should make grand material for Disney.

A. A. Milne's son, the Christopher Robin of the books, is now in the Army.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The Market continues quiet but prices are well maintained:—

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,415
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Union Ins. \$405
Fire Ins. \$182
Douglas \$100
Lands \$37½
Realities \$4½
Tramways \$17.55
Star Ferries \$64.
Yau-mai Ferries \$25
China Lights (New) \$5.
Electricity \$57½
Macao Electric \$20.
Telephones (Old) \$20.60
Watsons \$240
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Telephones (Old) \$27
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Britain's Second War Film

WILL Hongkong cinemagoers be allowed to see the British film "U-boat 29" which was produced in London at the Denham Studios with British capital?

Recently the Malayan film censor banned this picture, no reason for the banning being given. The film will go up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal.

How will this film fare in Hongkong?

At present no notification of the arrival of the film has been received here.

This film, which has an imposing British cast including Valerie Hobson, Sebastian Shaw and June Duprez, ran for four weeks at the London Odeon and was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "The Spy in Black."

Scene after scene in this melodrama is said to have such amazing parallels in recent European events and such strong elements of anti-German propaganda that responsible American film interests have released it in the United States under the title of "U-boat 29."

U-Boat Exploits

The ignominious exploits of U-boat 29 which sets out from the Kiel Canal to an unknown assignment in Scapa Flow near the Orkney Islands, and the brutality and cunning of its commander, form the background of a picture that sees the fleet in action.

The final scene is a realistic portrayal of the sinking of the U-boat after having been hounded and bombed by a British destroyer.

The lighter side of the production stresses Germany's economic impoverishment as one hears the water at a Kiel hotel say that as there is no butter or meat, the U-boat commander, after 14 days at sea on sardines, will have to do with margarine and boiled carrots. Later, in a logical sequence at a Scottish home, the inadequacy of food is strikingly contrasted.

The British board of film censors granted the picture the "U" (Universal) certificate.



GLORIA SWANSON may make yet another come-back. Joe Pasternak, producer of Deanna Durbin pictures, is trying to get her to play Deanna's screen mother.

Strange Screen Test

ONE of the strangest screen tests in film history was that in connection with the making of the Edison film.

Applicants were required to say quickly and accurately the following eight words: "Mahalalcel, Mathusalem, Arphaxad, Hiramzayoth, Chedorlaomer, Zephaniah, Obadiah, and Nebuchadnezzar."

These words figured in an important incident in Edison's life. When he first invented the gramophone many people thought it was a hoax and that a ventriloquist was employed.

On the occasion a clergyman stumbled into Edison's office and demanded to test the machine out. The clergyman then hurried into the recorder these eight words. Then he settled back snugly in the knowledge that no other man alive—least of all a ventriloquist, could speak the words with such rapidity and articulation. The words came back as he said them and presumably he was convinced.

Charles Laughton's Latest Film

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," on RKO-Radio show starring Charles Laughton, broke all records in the Nanking Theatre, Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays, grossing \$50,000 during the eight day run.

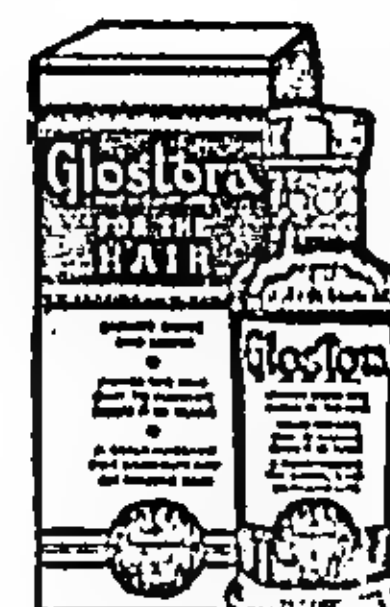
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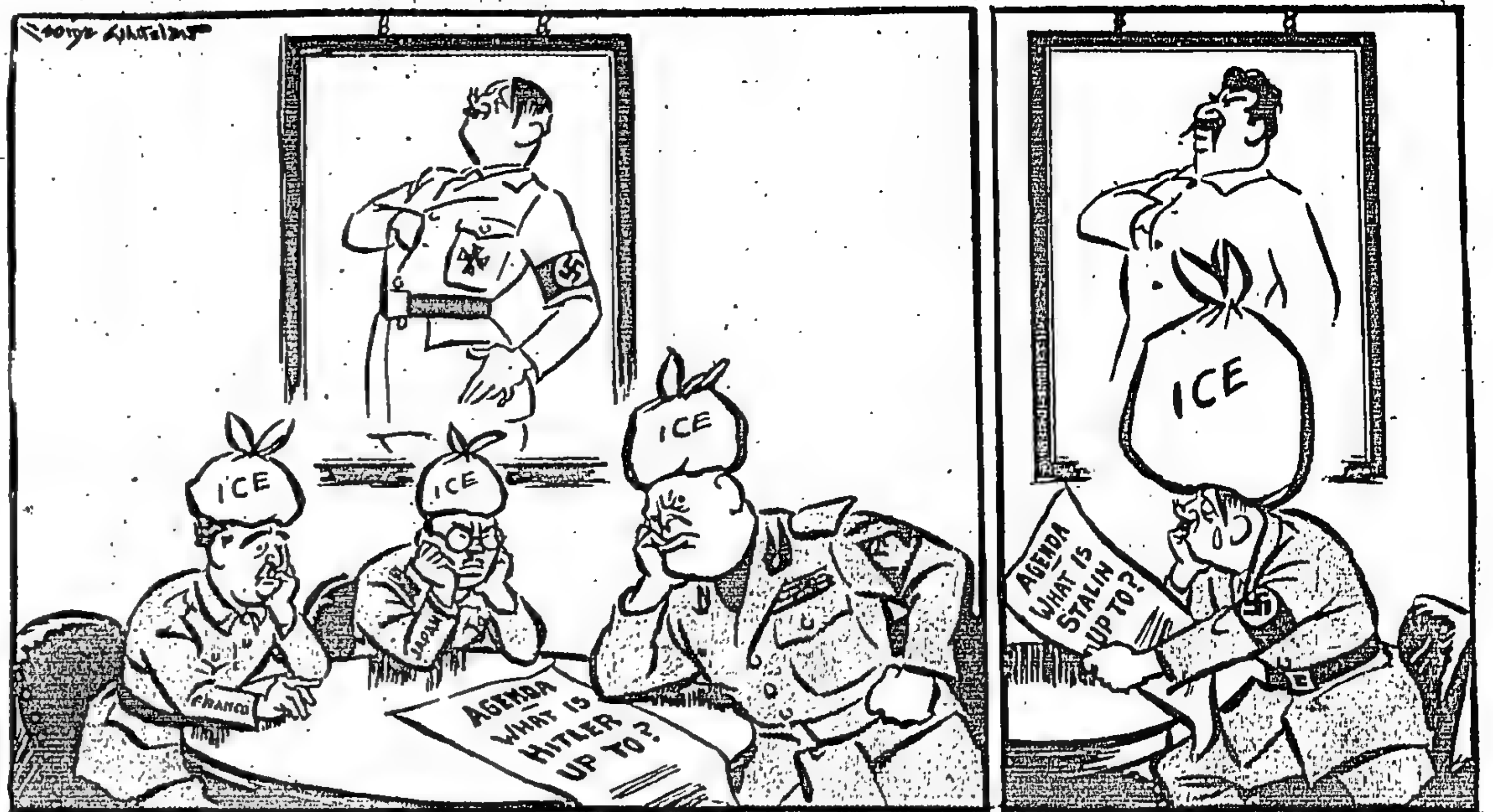
Neutrals Stand Firm

Finland's defence of her freedom against the Soviet armies, heroically maintained through eleven weeks, has just completed another counterstroke of brilliant success. The progressive discomfiture of the Bolshevik giant has been accompanied by an intensification of the bombardment of neutrals with German threats. Every State in Northern Europe from the French frontier to the Russian has come under a heavy fire of abuse and demands.

In the philosophy of Hitler it was never dreamed that threats would produce a hardening of determination to defy the bully. To this inconvenient phenomenon his policy has now to accommodate itself. From the Dutch Government has come an outspoken declaration that Holland's integrity could not be matter for negotiation and any attack on her territory would meet with the most stubborn opposition of her armed forces. The Scandinavian Powers are no more inclined to accept the Nazi principle that "the Nordic countries belong to the Lebensraum of the Soviet and Germany."

Sharp answers are given by the Norwegian Press, the Danes retort that they detest the advance of Bolshevism westward as much as Hitler and Germany did until last August and in Sweden feeling runs high. Everyone is agreed that Sweden should give the maximum help possible to the Finns. Recent Nazi bluster, promising Sweden the fate of Finland, will certainly not mollify the indignation aroused. Thus the endeavour to drive the Northern neutrals out of the League and to frighten the Scandinavian countries into prohibiting assistance to the Finns has failed and brought the threatened States into closer association to resist aggression.

Of no less significance are the demonstrations in the south and south-east of Europe. There also the menace of Hitlerism and Bolshevism is rousing the spirit of the neutrals and drawing them closer together. The splendid prolongation of the resistance of Finland to big bat-



HEADACHES

STALIN—the
modern Genghis Khan?

BY W. N. EWER

MR. HOOVER the other day said "the Communist attack on peaceful Finland typifies the barbarism of Genghis Khan."

There is perhaps more in the comparison than Mr. Hoover realised, for he was just being rhetorical.

Nor, I think, would Stalin take it for an insult, for Genghis is by way of becoming a Stalinist hero.

Who was he, this Genghis or Chingis, whose name—or rather title—has been for seven centuries a synonym for savagery and terrible whirlwind conquest?

His real name was Temujin. He was son of a little chieftain of a Tartar or Mongol tribe on the steppes near Lake Balkal, born in 1162 when Henry II was king here.



Skilful, cunning, a man of steel, he gained domination over friends and rivals alike.

He united the Mongols under his own leadership, disciplined them, organised them, built an army of fierce horsemen.

Then he struck. Out of Central Asia there burst on the civilised world a tremendous revolutionary force. China was first victim. Temujin (now bearing the title Chingis Khan, or Great Leader) struck in 1211.

Four years later—in the year of Magna Charta—his troops were in Peking. He was master of Northern China.

He turned westward against the Islamic States; burst into Turkestan; took Bokhara and Samarkand. In a dozen years he had made an empire that stretched from the Pacific to the Black Sea. Then he died, aged 65.

But the work went on. The Tartars under his sons and grandsons swept over Russia, swept into Persia and Iraq and Palestine, hammered at the outworks of Western Christendom, spread dis-

may and alarm through Europe. Later Mongol princes founded an Empire in India. Men still alive can remember the passing of the last "Great Moghul."



The wave died down. The empire of Chingis crumbled. Europe and Islam and China recovered from the tremendous impact.

But the Tartar conquest left deep traces where it passed. And the terror of the name of "Genghis Khan" inspired a hundred legends.

What conceivable parallel can there be between such a man and Stalin, the Marxist leader of a Socialist State?

The answer, I think, is that we judge Stalin wrongly if we think of him primarily as a Communist. Primarily he is a great Asiatic chieftain, whose vision is of a great



GENGHIS KHAN



STALIN

"Remember that I, too, am an Asiatic," Stalin is reported once to have said.

into Asia—not only for strategic reasons.

The centre of gravity of the Russian Empire has been moved eastwards, Asiawards. Its old historic centres are becoming outlying frontier regions.



Russia under Stalin becomes a great Central and North Asiatic Empire, pressing on Europe, pressing into China, pressing perhaps, in the near future, on the Islamic lands of South Asia.

Not (with allowance for the seven centuries' gap) so unlike the Empire of Chingis—with a Georgian instead of a Tartar at its head.

Stalin, like Temujin, has taken a title. It is Vozhd Narodov: Leader of the Nations.

Not, you notice, Leader of the Workers. Leader of the Nations. The man who chose that for himself has the Imperial mind. Can you imagine Lenin making such a choice; or indeed taking any title at all?

The boasts of Stalin are not of social achievements or of the welfare of the masses.

They are of the size and strength of the Union; of the might of its arms; of its readiness to "break the necks of its enemies."

The flatteries of Stalin are fulsome and obsequious; nothing like them has been heard in Europe since Byzantium fell.



A strange and ironic sequel to a Marxist revolution.

But there it is! The Georgian Vozhd sits in the Kremlin, surrounded by his Viziers and his sycophants, proud of the vast extent of his domains and of his unquestioned mastery over millions, boasting of his great armies, threatening terrible war against any who defy his will; dreaming perhaps of new raids which shall force now European peoples to submit to an Asiatic overlord.

Not so completely unlike Chingis after all.

Will Poetry Survive the War?

SO far as I remember, none of us asked this question or had cause to ask it at the beginning of the last war, and there are many to whom it will seem superfluous now.

Surely poetry, being immortal as the air we breathe will survive the mortality of the battlefield as it has always survived it? And not only will it survive it but it will snatch newer glories in the process. That

tallons and mechanised arms has taught confidence that the giant of Bolshevism may be defied by a brave and resolute nation. There is no other safety for neutrals but common action against the aggressor. Like the barbarian tyrant of old, the Fuehrer has declared "the sun shall not shine on any country which marches with our own." Union in resistance will preserve for each its national rights.

was always the way of poetry, and it is likely to be the way again.

Those of us who were of reading age in 1914 remember the first appearance of those splendid sonnets written by a young poet, practically unknown outside his own circle, which Dean Inge quoted from the pulpit of St. Paul's and thus commended to the world at large. They were the precursors of many poems which proved that poetry was still a vital force in Britain. With that experience behind us, it is surely an impertinence to ask whether our poetry will survive the present conflict.

And yet I ask the question not only because the days are full of dangers which seem calculated to discourage poets from writing, but because in recent years it has been openly argued that poetry is essentially a thing of "the antique world," of which our modern habit of versifying is a survival—a toy out of fashion.

A Text for To-day

Now let us see what truth there is in the first suggestion—that dark

days are a discouragement to the poet. Is there any?

Poetry, I can hear it said, is an inspiration, an effluence of sheer joy which needs happy moments for its nurture. It is quite true that much poetry has its source in delight and in the contemplation of the delightful, but is not the greatest poetry often that which is inspired by the terrible, the horrible or the tragic—the poetry which sets before us, as in an incandescent light, the beauty of suffering? What is common to all kinds of poetry worth the name is not so much delight as the excitement under which it is produced.

At the beginning of last century Britain found herself faced with the aggression of Napoleon and the menace of invasion, and Wordsworth, who nearly half a century later was appointed Poet Laureate, responded with those magnificent sonnets dedicated to National Independence and Liberty. In April, 1803, a month before we declared war upon Bonaparte, he contributed to the *Morning Post* these remarkable and now classic lines—

It is not to be thought of that the Flood
Of British freedom, which, to the open sea
Of the world's praise, from dark antiquity
Hath flowed, "with pomp of waters, unwithstood,"
Troused though it be full often to a mood
Which spurns the cheek of salutary bands.
That this most famous Stream in boats and sands
Should perish; and to evil and to good
Be lost for ever. In our halls is hung
Armour of the invincible Knights of old;
We must be free or die, who speak the tongue
That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold
Which Milton held. In every thing we are sprung
Of Earth's first blood, have titles manifold.
That sonnet might be our text to-day,
and those with which Wordsworth followed it have passages in
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INCREASED PENSIONS

Aged And Widows To Benefit

LONDON, Feb. 20 (British Wireless).—Moving the second reading of the Old Age and Widows Pensions Bill, the Health Minister said that in spite of much that divided the Government from the Opposition and the many hard words which would be said, he felt that both shared a certain pride in being members of a legislature which had not been wholly diverted from its own task by the necessities of war.

Costs £100,000,000

Continuing, Mr. Elliot said that the number of persons benefiting had risen from half a million when the first Act was passed to three million to-day; while the original cost of the Old Age Pensions had been about £7,000,000 to-day it was roughly £100,000,000.

Although a proportion of this figure was covered by contributions, taxation provided £65,000,000. Recent events showed an almost universal desire to better the condition of older people, as was evidenced by a number of local authorities of all political parties, which had begun to make grants out of the rates to old age pensioners. The Bill, the Minister said, proceeded upon two principles—first, improvement to be made in the general pension scheme; second, responsibility for pensioners to be assumed by the state and no longer to be shouldered by local authorities. Dealing with the Bill in detail, Mr. Elliot showed that the new proposals would cost an additional £80,000,000.

International Finance

Valuable Pamphlet

A pamphlet of particular interest to students of financial philosophy in the Far East is "Some Aspects of International Finance," which has just been published in Hongkong and is on sale at Kelly and Walsh at \$2.

The pamphlet is compiled by George S. Teng, Ph.D., prominent American-educated Chinese, who has clearly made an intensive study of his subject.

The aspects which he discusses include the dilemma which confronted the American authority responsible for America's silver purchasing policy, and it raises in the mind of the reader the problem: remonetization of silver or managed currency in this world of unrest and war. The problem of international borrowing, with reference to the financial history of China, is convincingly discussed.

Preferential Treatment

Britons Deprived Of Privileges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". TIENTSIN, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Japanese military spokesman announced this afternoon that German, Italian and Spanish will receive passes. There were altogether in Tientsin, including adults and children, 92 Italians, 461 Germans and 61 Spaniards, but only those giving good reasons will receive passes. Asked why the British do not receive passes despite consular requests, the spokesman replied that only nationals not hostile to the Japanese will receive passes.

NAZIS BETRAY UKRAINIANS

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—According to the French radio a Polish broadcast states that the German authorities have handed over to the Soviet a number of Ukrainian Nationalist leaders in accordance with the Soviet-German agreement. Among those sent to Russia are members of the Ukrainian Legion, formed some years ago, and which was originally directed against Soviet Russia. Some of those handed over have already been shot by the Soviet.

BODIES FOUND IN STREET

THE BODIES of two people, believed to be father and child, were discovered in Boundary Street, Kowloon, last night. Both had died of small-pox. Police believe that the bodies were dumped in the street by other members of the family. Neither are as yet identified.

Death Of Mayor Of Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The death has occurred of the Mayor of Tokyo. Minister of Communications in the Hirota Cabinet of 1936, he was for many years a leading member of the Minseito Party.

PREMIER ON THE ALTMARK EPISODE

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stand than I had previously supposed (Cheers).

No Examination At All

"We had imagined that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some examination of the Altmarmark, and our complaint was that this examination had been so perfunctory that it did not reveal the presence of British prisoners aboard."

"Now it appears, however, that the Norwegian authorities conducted no examination of the ship at all."

Mr. Chamberlain outlined M. Koht's statement and said that it appeared in the Norwegian view that as the Altmarmark was regarded as a warship and carried the German state flag, no request to search could be made.

The Chief Naval Officer at Bergen was not quite satisfied and the Altmarmark was later stopped but refused to submit to an inspection.

Even though the Altmarmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters, violating Norwegian regulations, this did not lead the Norwegian authorities to take any action beyond complaining and accepting an apology.

British Offer Refused

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that a joint Norwegian and British guard was proposed so that a proper investigation might be made at Bergen (Cheers). This offer was refused. The Norwegian officer declined to accompany the British boarding party aboard the Altmarmark.

"It will be seen therefore, that not on one occasion but on three or four that the Norwegian authorities failed to carry out a proper investigation of the matter. Not until after these refusals did H.M. ships take action against the Altmarmark, and if they had not done so she would have been allowed to complete her voyage to Germany without let or hindrance and without any inquiry into the circumstances."

Surprising Statement

"Yet observe also that M. Koht said that the Norwegian authorities did not know that British prisoners were aboard the Altmarmark. Considering that this fact was prominently reported weeks ago in the Press of the world, I cannot but regard this as a most surprising statement."

"I find it difficult, in these circumstances, to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities have displayed a complete indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet. Even if such indifference is due to German pressure, it is, nevertheless, in the view of His Majesty's Government, inconsistent with the active impartial exercise of duty of a neutral towards ourselves as belligerents."

Doctrine Unacceptable

"According to M. Koht's views, the Norwegian Government see no objection to the use of Norwegian territorial waters for hundreds of miles by a German warship for the purpose of escaping capture in the high seas and conveying British prisoners to a German prison camp."

"Such a doctrine is at variance with international law as His Majesty's Government understand it. It would in their view legalise the abuse by German warships of neutral waters and create a position which His Majesty's Government could, in no circumstances, accept." (Loud Cheers.)

Indian Press Comment

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The feature of Indian newspaper comment on the Altmarmark incident is a strong indication by Nationalist organs of the part played by Britain.

The British reply to the Norwegian protest was convincing, writes the "Bombay Chronicle."

"Norway was assisting a German warship to take to a German prison British captives illegally held. Norway cannot complain if, in such an emergency, the British Government used a destroyer instead of a diplomatic note."

"As for Germany, her hysterical protests only invite ridicule. 'What is important is the possibility that Norway is being blackmailed by Germany into a position hostile to the Allies.'"

The "Free Press Journal" says: "The case for Norway lost all its strength when Norwegian officers reported that there were no prisoners aboard the Altmarmark. It was Churchill who had to decide. He left the law to lawyers and ordered his sailors to board the Altmarmark. This they did—and with spectacular success."

The Nationalist Press of New Delhi regards Norway's inability to prevent prisoners from being carried to Germany through her territorial waters as the real justification for the British violation of her neutrality. Thus the newspaper, "National Call," writes: "The Norwegian protest loses much of its point owing to the manner in which the Norwegian Government allowed the Altmarmark to use its waters without a careful investigation."

American Press Reactions

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The following comments on the Altmarmark incident have been made by American papers:

"World Telegram": "Friday's coup was justified on moral if not on technical grounds. The Altmarmark was certainly no merchantman. It was a naval auxiliary and a prison ship for the Graf Spee."

"New York Sun": "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. The Norwegian officials accepted the word of the German Commander. Germany violated Norwegian neutrality."

"Boston Herald": "The attitude of Americans is probably identical with that of the British Government."

"Herald Tribune": "The most important Russian product for Germany, Soviet oil, appears to be

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/2
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T.T. Shanghai	34 1/2
T.T. Singapore	62 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 1/2
T.T. Batavia	45 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/2
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U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95 1/2

Holland-Germany Frontier Tension

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The Germans have imposed drastic restrictions on traffic between Germany and Holland at the frontier station of Glanerbrug, near Enschede, allowing none to pass who cannot prove that he is crossing the frontier for work or business reasons.

Goods traffic, however, is going through as usual.

largely problematical not only because of the lack of transportation but also because the Soviet petroleum industry has not kept up with the domestic consumption."

Turkish Comment

The following comments are made by Turkish papers:

"Ulus": "The British action in freeing prisoners wandering months under oppressive conditions is not only legally right but a humane duty."

"Hurriyet": "The fact that the Anzars travelled 10,000 miles without loss proves the complete naval supremacy of Britain."

The Danish paper, "National Tidende," says: "It would be hypocritical if we here in Denmark pretended that we cannot sympathize with the British Navy's motives in taking action."

The Dutch paper "Telegraaf," says: "Norway herself was to blame in the first instance. Norway's is the heaviest responsibility. Sluggishness only increases the dangers for neutrals."

The Swiss paper, "Derbund," says: "Germany recently boasted that she dominated the North Sea. The British Navy has taken action and given an answer that will ring throughout the world."

He Was Lucky

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Commenting on the German wireless admission that the captain of the Altmarmark tried to run the destroyer Cogswack, an authoritative statement recalls the execution of Captain Fryatt during the last war by the Germans on a charge of having rammed a German submarine.

The statement adds that by German customs, the captain of the Altmarmark was lucky to have escaped a similar fate.

"Brutal Attack"

BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—"Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons proves that the main purpose of the brutal attack on the Altmarmark was a political one," says the official German news agency.

"After committing a wanton violation of Norway's neutrality, Britain is striving to manoeuvre the country away from her policy of neutrality."

"Mr. Chamberlain's reprimand of the Norwegian Navy proves beyond doubt that England is now openly demanding assistance from neutrals since she realises that without this aid, she is bound to lose the war."

Holland Approves

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons on the Altmarmark incident is approved in the main by Dutch political circles.

The reasons for the action taken by the British warship are fully appreciated, though what is held to be violation of Norway's rights cannot, it is felt, be condoned.

The "inaction" of Norway, however, is considered to be a dangerous attitude for any country intent on pursuing a course of strict neutrality.

Statement Welcomed

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Well-informed circles here welcome Mr. Chamberlain's references to the German abuses of Norwegian territorial waters.

It is felt that the Altmarmark incident has thrown a searchlight upon the German use of these waters.

It is declared that so long as these waters are used as artificial protection for the evasion of Allied control or for acts of piracy, then the British and French navies will take whatever measures are necessary to defend their interests which are being injured by the passivity of the Norwegian authorities.

Altmarmark Skipper's Broadcast

BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—Captain Dau of the Altmarmark, speaking on the German official wireless, said that the Altmarmark at present is resting with her stern on the shore. Her rudder is broken and one propeller damaged. "We shall try to free the ship and then consider what to do," he said.

Describing the boarding of the Altmarmark, Captain Dau said, "I manoeuvred the Altmarmark in such a way that she had to run on the rocks in order to make it impossible for the English to catch her and go away with her."

He admitted that there were a few pistols aboard but asserted that they were never used.

Acute Food Shortage

Peiping Pays Record Price For Flour

PEIPING, Feb. 21 (Reuters).—The price of flour hit the new high level of \$20 a bag to-day, compared with \$12 which was the official price at the end of last year.

The rise is due to the importation of large stocks of foodstuffs to North China to relieve the serious food shortage which is still causing acute suffering among the Chinese population.

Rice \$100 Per Bag

The majority of the flour comes from abroad, has to be paid for in foreign currency and has thus caused a sudden drop in the value of the Federal Reserve Bank notes. Consequently higher prices have to be paid for foodstuffs.

Rice is now priced at over \$100 a bag. The situation is further aggravated by the shortage of meat locally.

H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, \$ C.D.	1,425 sa.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.)	X.D. 85 1/2 n.

INSURANCES	
Chartered	£ 8 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	£ 31 n.
Mercantile, C.	£ 12 1/2 n.
East Asia	£ 78 n.

SHIPPING	
Canton	\$ 212 1/2 b.
Union	\$ 470 b.
China Underwriter	\$ 1 s.
H.K. Fire	\$ 182 b.

DOCK & ETC.	
Douglases	\$ 100 b.
Steamboats	\$ 10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P.	\$ 100 n.
Indo-China D.	\$ 80 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	70/3 n.
Waterboat	\$ 7 1/2 n.

DOCK & ETC.	
Wharves	\$ 102 n.
Docks	\$ 22 1/2 n.
Providents	\$ 4.00 b.
New Eng. Sh.	\$ 30 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	\$ 328 n.

MINING	
Kailan s/-	18/- n.
Raub	\$ 10 n.
Venz. Gold	\$ 4 n.
H.K. Mines	\$ 3 1/2 cts. n.

LANDS	
H.K. Lands	\$ 5.65 u.
Lands 4% Debentures	\$ 160 n.
Shui Lands Sh.	\$ 20 n.
Shui Lands S.	\$ 25 b.
H.K. Realities	\$ 4 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates	\$ 101 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	\$ 17.55 n.
Peak Trams (old)	\$ 8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	\$ 4 n.
Star Ferries	\$ 64 b.
Y. Ferries	\$ 25 b.
China Lights (old)	\$ 7.00 b.
China Lights (new)	\$ 5.00 b.
H.K. Electric	\$ 57 1/2 b.
Macao Electric	\$ 20 b.
Sandakan Lights	\$ 11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	\$ 27.00 sa.
Telephones (new)	\$ 9.00 b.
Tractings s/-	19/6 n.
Tractings (Pref.) s/-	19/9 n.

INDUSTRIALS	
Cold: Macg. (Ord.)	\$ 14.00 n.
Cold: Macg. (Pref.)	\$ 12 n.
Canton Ice	\$ 1 n.
Cements	\$ 10.25 sa.
H.K. Ropes	\$ 5.85 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	\$ 22.25 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	\$ 21.30 b.
Watsons	\$ 4.60 a.
Lane, Crawfords	\$ 7 1/2 n.
Sinceres	\$ 1.80 a.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$ 41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$ 1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	\$ 38 n.
Shui Cotton Sh.	\$ 170 n.
Zoong Sing Sh.	\$ 44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	\$ 48 1/2 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	\$ 7 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	\$ 1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new)	\$ 1 n.
Vibro Piling	\$ 8 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	\$ 50 1/2 n.
C. Bonds	\$ 50 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan	\$ 100 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan	\$ 95 1/2 n.
Marsmans (Ord.)	\$ 14 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4/- n.

Anti-Communist Measure

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The Belgian Government yesterday introduced an anti-Communist Bill to deal with Communist propaganda which is financed from outside Belgium.

Southern Rhodesia To Supply Beef

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—A contract has been signed between Britain and Southern Rhodesia whereby Britain and her Allies will take all the beef that Southern Rhodesia can supply.

"Everything Quiet"

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuters).—An official communique issued to-day states that everything has been quiet in the fighting lines.

TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Passes For Foreign Women And Children

Tientsin, Feb. 20. The Japanese Consulate-General on Monday notified the Italian, German and Spanish Consulates that, in accordance with the representations made by the latter, passes allowing foreign women and children to pass Japanese searching and examining posts will be issued by the Japanese Consulate-General. Passes were issued to American women and children some time ago, and other Consulates have requested similar facilities.—Domest.

Chinese Demonstration

More than thousand Chinese held a demonstration in the Italian Concession here yesterday. "Give us bread! Give us flour!" the demonstrators shouted. The Italian police used water hoses to disperse the crowds.

The Yung Pao to-day reports that recent cases of looting of shops in the Chinese city have caused many to close their doors. In one case, a number of Chinese halted a carload of 40 bags of flour. They offered the Chinese merchant 10 yuan a bag for the flour, but he refused to sell, whereupon the Chinese raided his car. The Chinese police afterwards recovered 36 bags.

The price of flour in the Chinese city is 20 yuan per bag while in the British concession it is priced at 19 yuan. Sugar is priced at ¥11.50 for ten pounds.

The increase in prices is attributed to hoarding and speculation, many Chinese becoming panicky over the fall in currencies and making heavy purchases of staple commodities.—United Press.

Food Distribution

Shumchun Centre Attends To Hundreds

On Thursday last, the food kitchen maintained by the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre was opened at Wong Pul Ling, a village about 1,000 yards from the New Territories border between Shumchun and Shintaukole, and 800 persons, both young and old, are being fed daily.

The kitchen was organised as the result of a request from the village elders. As in order to support their families, the male villagers, unable to find paying work in their own districts under existing conditions, have to seek employment in Sheung-shui and other places on this side of the border, the kitchen was started in order to relieve them of the burden so that they may be enabled to stay in their districts and work their own fields.

One meal a day is supplied at the kitchen, and those eligible for food are babies and children under 10, nursing mothers, sick people, old men and women, women and children whose children have been killed by the Japanese and wives and children whose fathers are in the regular Chinese armies.

Three Cents Per Meal

They are supplied with food cards and bowls and chopsticks are furnished to those who are too poor to afford these utensils. The organisation of the kitchen is such that even the smallest child can line up and secure his food without danger of being unnoticed or trampled on or in other ways hampered from getting his meal.

The kitchen is housed in the premises of the former village school. The elder of the village supplies the cook and the carriers, who bring the food daily from Sheung-shui.

The cost per meal per person is three cents. This is surprisingly cheap, considering that the meal consists of a big bowl of rice, beans, pork, eggs, ginger and vegetables, and affords a rounded, balanced nutritive diet.

The cost of feeding the 800 people is, therefore, \$24 per day, or \$720 per month of 30 days. Hongkong citizens who are desirous of seeing for themselves this branch of the Shumchun Rural Welfare Centre's work are welcome, and any donations or gifts they may choose to make will be greatly appreciated.

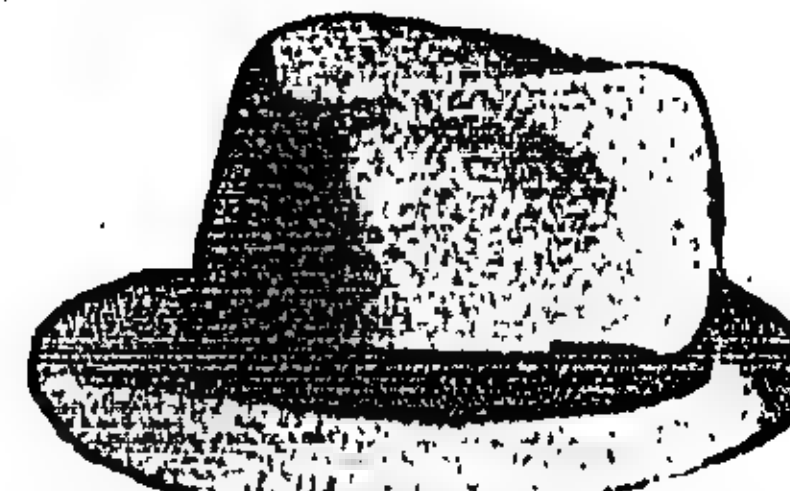
Already, last Sunday, some Hongkong ladies went out to Wong Pul Ling to visit the kitchen. Amongst them were Miss E. S. Atkins, headmistress of St. Stephen's Girls' School, Mrs. Pauline Yee and Miss Doris Leung.

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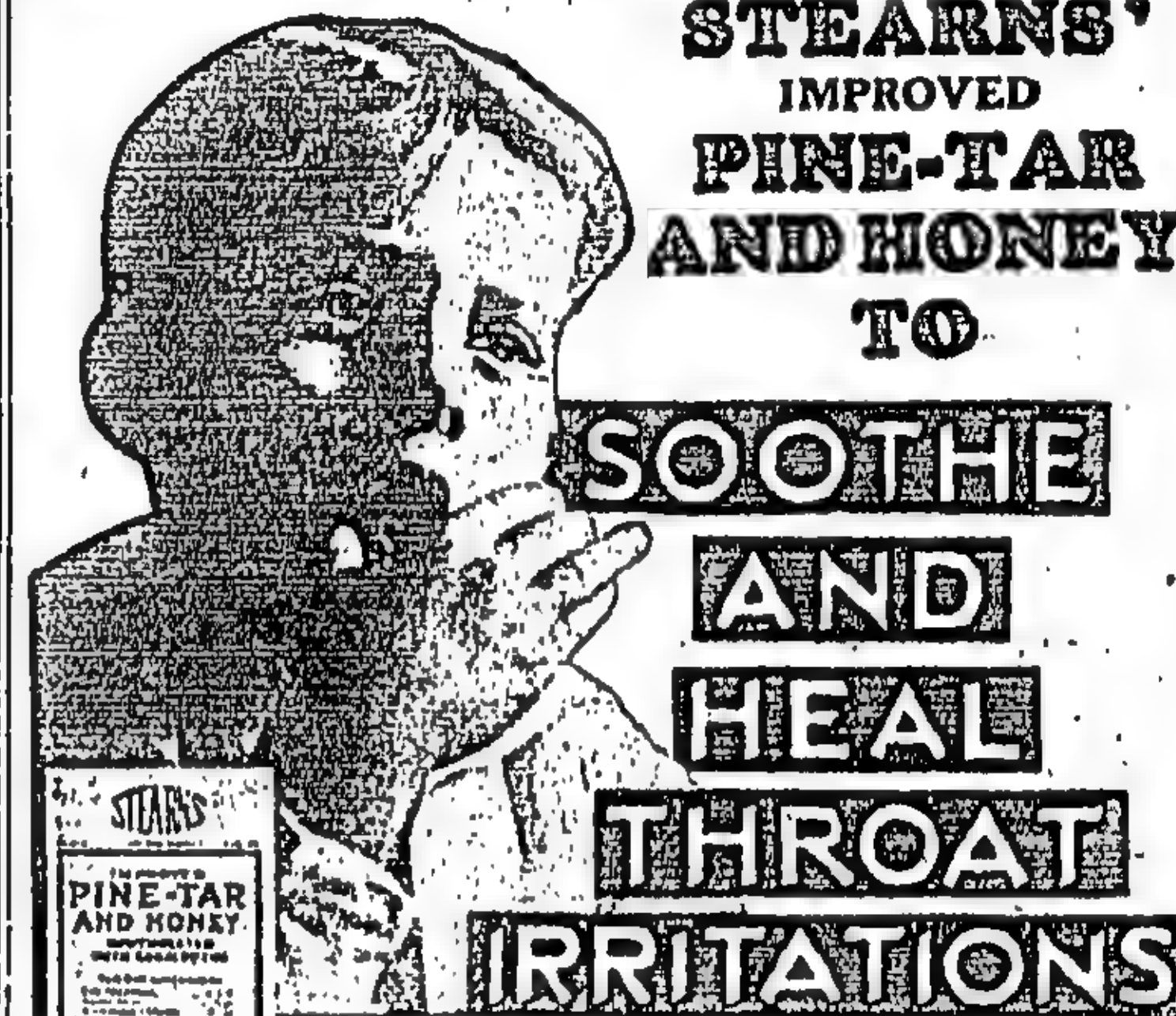
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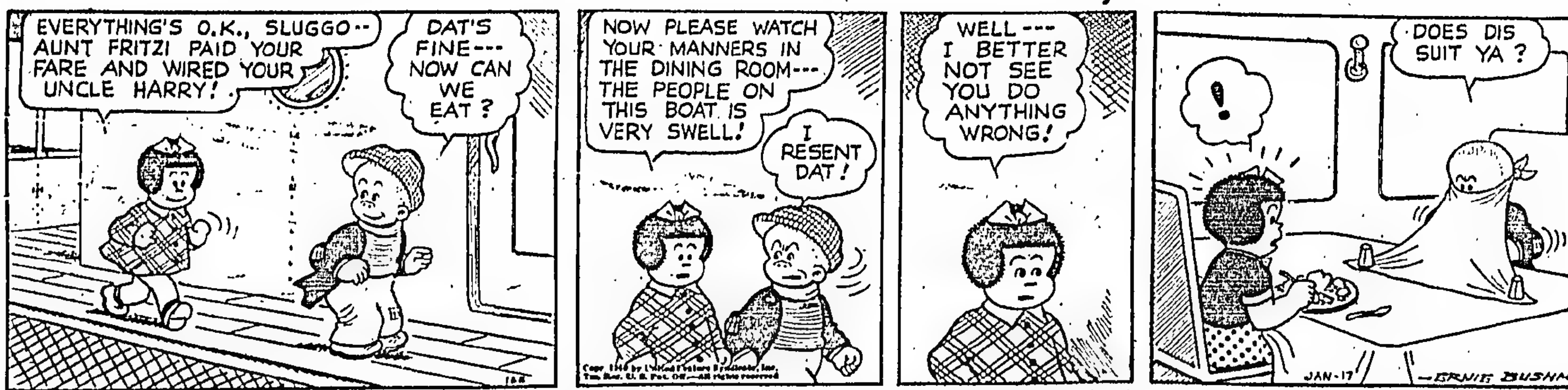
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White Paper

New Aid For The Colonies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The allocation of a maximum of £5,000,000 a year for 10 years for assistance to colonial Governments is one of the main points in a statement of policy on colonial development and welfare just issued.

The starting point for a new vigorous colonial drive is the publication of a map and recommendations of the West India Royal Commission, which the Commission states "may commend themselves to His Majesty's Government even in the dark days now befalling on the world."

The recommendations include an annual grant of £1,000,000 for 20 years to be administered by a special organisation for general improvement of education and health services, slum clearance, creation of labour departments, provision for social welfare facilities and land settlement in the West Indies.

Political Federation Aim
After making detailed recommendations in various fields, the report declares that political federation is not of itself appropriate means of meeting the pressing needs of the West Indies, but it is the end to which the policy should be directed.

The Government's statement on colonial policy firstly expresses anxiety to act promptly in the spirit of the recommendations as a whole; to provide £3,500,000 for such schemes as can be begun immediately, and to establish a new organisation designed to develop the welfare of the services of health and housing and similar services in the West Indies.

£1,000,000 Limit Abolished
As regards colonies generally, it is proposed to abolish the limit of £1,000,000 annually to which colonial development is at present restricted and introduce a new vote for assistance to be available for schemes involving capital expenditure on services like agriculture, education, health and housing.

The help of the Colonial Development Welfare Advisory Committee will be enlisted and the expenditure will cover all colonies, protected mandated territories and High Commission territories of South Africa.

Furthermore a sum not exceeding £500,000 annually will be devoted to colonial research.

Improving Economic Conditions
It is not expected that a full scale expenditure cannot be attained at once, but on the other hand should experience show that the sums are ultimately insufficient, it will be open to Parliament to increase them.

The first emphasis in this much enlarged policy of colonial development will be on improvement of economic conditions as this is a primary requirement on which advances in other directions are largely consequential. In implementing the policy there will be guidance from London, but it will be in no spirit of dictation, and the policy will involve no derogation from the rights and privileges of the local legislatures.

Far-reaching Developments
LONDON, Feb. 20 (British Wireless).—Interpreting the Government White Paper on the new Colonial policy, an authoritative quarter in London this evening pointed out the importance of such far-reaching developments of traditional policy of trusteeship involving an expenditure of £50,000,000 over the next ten years.

It was emphasised that this decision was not taken because of the war and that the grants were not in the nature of, as it were, a bribe to the Colonies. In fact, the new policy was outlined before the outbreak of hostilities, and it is noteworthy that execution is decided upon in spite of the heavy financial commitments of Great Britain in the present struggle.

Nazi Argument Falsified
The policy is also considered here as the best possible visible proof of the falsity of the familiar German argument that Britain exploits the Colonies. Financial assistance to the Colonies in the form of grants, not loans, for which the Government is seeking Parliamentary authority, shows that Britain, while far from extracting native tribute to the European war, in fact makes the British taxpayer an additional burden for the benefit of social and economic improvement and welfare of native peoples.

Finally it is considered as significant evidence of Britain's confidence

DARING MIDNIGHT ROBBERY

Bandits Abduct Girl In Sedan Car

GANGSTER METHODS were introduced to Hongkong last night in one of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the Colony.

The victim, a 20-year-old dancing hostess named Pak Suet, lost jewellery valued at over \$14,000 as a result of the affray. She was abducted in the city in a large black sedan car by four men, robbed of her jewellery whilst the car travelled at a fast speed towards Happy Valley and was finally thrown out of the car in Caroline Hill Road. As soon as the girl was thrown onto the roadway the car sped back towards the city.

Police this morning are searching for four Chinese, said to be regular habitués of local cabarets. At least one is believed to have come to Hongkong from Shanghai.

Dancing Hostess
The girl is employed as a dancing hostess at the China Emporium Ballroom.

She met one of the alleged bandits there shortly after 10 p.m. last night and agreed to accompany him to the Queen's Road shortly after midnight. They were joined there by two other men.

A short while after the girl decided to return to the China Emporium Ballroom and the three men offered to drive her there in their car. As soon as she entered the car one of the men produced a revolver whilst another placed a hand over her mouth.

Throw Rings From Car
The girl agreed to hand over her jewellery, and commenced to take her rings off her fingers.

As the car passed the Hongkong Hotel in Queen's Road the girl, hoping the attention of nearby pedestrians would be attracted, suddenly threw her two rings out of the window.

The car stopped and one of the men leapt out to retrieve the rings. The girl managed to momentarily free herself from the grip of the other man and screamed for assistance.

Without waiting for the confederate who had gone back to search for the two rings, the car drove off again at a high speed.

The girl was robbed of her remaining jewellery whilst en route to Happy Valley. In addition to the two rings—one of which was valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$1,500—the girl lost a white gold bracelet valued at \$2,000, a gold necklace valued at \$70, \$140 in cash and other items.

It is not known whether the bandits recovered the rings thrown into Queen's Road or whether they were picked up by pedestrians.

Previous Robbery
The "Telegraph" learns that Pak Suet, who lives in Min Fat Street, was wearing jewellery which figured in a sensational robbery about two years ago.

She was also the victim of the earlier hold-up. The jewellery on that occasion was stolen from her home. Police subsequently made an arrest and the jewellery was recovered. The robber is still serving a sentence in Stanley Prison.

Inspects Aussie Forces

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lieut. General Sir Archibald Wavell, British C-in-C. in the Middle East, has arrived in Palestine from Egypt to inspect the Australian troops.

He will be in command of the British troops in Palestine for several months.

Polish Airmen Reviewed
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—At an R.A.F. station-to-day Polish airmen were inspected by the C-in-C. of the Polish Air Force.

On their way to the Guildhall they will march through Westminster and the city.

Naval Heroes To Be Feted
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Londoners will have an opportunity to cheer the heroes of the River Plate battle on Friday, when 700 officers and men of the Ajax and Exeter come to Town to lunch with the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall.

that victory is assured if the country, in the middle of a war, is ready to embark upon a costly long-term Colonial development scheme.

Commons Cheers The Anzaes

Eden's Statement Warmly Received

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Cheers punctuated the statement by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, in the House of Commons, this afternoon on his visit to Egypt to greet the Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I sought to express to the Australian and New Zealand troops," said Mr. Eden, "the welcome I feel sure this House and every section of opinion in this country would wish me to extend them."

"The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in the Middle East is yet another proof of solidarity, and that the British Commonwealth is with us in a common cause."

Beyond All Praise
"I need hardly add that the exceptionally high physical standard of the troops and their military bearing are beyond all praise."

"The House, I feel sure, would wish me to take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to the people and Government of Egypt for their action as our friend and ally in offering so hospitable a reception to the Dominion contingents."

"During my stay I was also privileged to see something of the Indian troops who have now been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and to bear to them also a message from the King-Emperor."

LEADING OWNERS
The following is the list of owners and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	6	—	2
Lucky	3	—	3
L. Dunbar	2	3	3
Lan	2	2	1
Eve	2	1	1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	1	1
Ellandee	1	1	1
J. P. Macgregor	1	1	1
Quartermaster	1	1	1
Yly	1	1	1
H. Leigh	1	1	1
S. M. K.	1	1	1
Mrs. A. E. Grisset	1	1	1
Diamond	1	1	1
Lee Bros.	1	1	1
E. S. K.	1	1	1
Fan	1	1	1
Iron	1	1	1
G. Trevelton	1	1	1
Gredka	1	1	1
Neerlandia	1	1	1
Li Fo-chun	1	1	1
Marbon	1	1	1
Mrs. Stanton	1	1	1
C. W. K.	1	1	1
Li Shu-hang	1	1	1
Tang Man-wa	1	1	1
S. W. Lee	1	1	1
Dr. S. N. Chau	1	1	1
L. K. K.	1	1	1
T. H. K.	1	1	1
J. H. Jessen	1	1	1
John Peel	1	1	1
Kia Ora	1	1	1
Y. H.	1	1	1
Cocoa	1	1	1
S. T. Williamson	1	1	1
Mrs. Dunbar	1	1	1
Lady Northcott	1	1	1
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	1	1	1
Vilja	1	1	1
Eu Tong-sen	1	1	1
J. G. Whittaker	1	1	1
T. & E.	1	1	1
L. W. S.	1	1	1

WESTERN FRONT

Marched Into Nazi Lines

How French Patrol Was Ambushed

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Further details of the ambush in which 20 French soldiers were killed on Monday shows that it occurred when two French patrols with troops to relieve others in the Front Line, drove by mistake across No-man's-land into the German line.

The German outposts commanding that road raked the lorries with machine-gun fire and threw hand-grenades at them.

Great Thaw Sets In
The great thaw has now set in at the Front reducing everything to mud and water; hence operations are few and the sectors are generally calm with the exception of the Rhine sector where sporadic exchange of fire has taken place between base-mates.

Two German raids in other sectors which were made without French mortar or artillery preparation were repulsed with ease.

It is announced in French Naval circles that British and French naval vessels were attacked yesterday afternoon by several submarines but it is not possible to say with what result.

I.R.A. POLICY ATTACKED

DUBLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Leader of the Opposition in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, attacked the activities of the I.R.A. policy, he said, would only bring dishonour to Ireland and make the solution of the partition problem more difficult.

At no time had it less claim than at present to the support of the Irish people, he said.

Gallant Aviators Decorated

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Gallantry and devotion to duty in air operations are recognised in a long list of Air Force awards including three Distinguished Service Orders for Wing Commanders F. L. Pearce, W. E. Station and Squadron Leader J. R. Hallingapote.

Sixteen Flying Crosses and 15 Flying Medals were awarded and the names given of 79 men mentioned in despatches.

INTENSE RAIDS

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The capital has had the worst day of air raids for some time. There were six warnings during the day.

A train from Turku to Helsingfors was halted six times by alarms and the passengers had to scatter into the woods near the line.

It is reported that seven incendiary bombs were dropped west of Helsingfors.

Russian bombers near Helsingfors were supported by fighters and several battles are reported between them and some of Finland's new aircraft.

At least two Russian planes are stated to have been shot down.

There were also several severe air raids at Viipuri and Kuopio.

The Finns are repelling all Soviet attempts to relieve the remnants of the Russian 54th Division cut off sometime ago in the Kuhmo area in central Finland.

At least 5,000 Russians from this division were killed in the last fortnight.

Fifty bombs were dropped in two raids on Kuhmo and there were also raids on Nurmes and Joensuu, towns on the main railway line to the Karelian Isthmus.

LEADING JOCKEYS

The following is the list of jockeys and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	6	—	1	—
P. Y. T. Wei	4	5	1	15
D. Black	4	4	3	12
H. C. Pih	3	3	3	10
H. J. A. Hearne	3	1	4	5
V. V. Neeha	2	2	2	12
L. B. Chio	2	2	4	14
C. Encarnacao	2	1	1	8
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	8
G. P. Gram	1	3	—	12
F. Marshall	1	2	2	7
B. A. Froulx	1	2	2	8
W. H. S. Davis	1	2	1	10
B. W. Tan	1	1	1	10
B. W. Tan	1	1	1	10
Tang Man-wa	1	1	1	10
Ip Kuei-ying	1	1	1	10
H. M. Botelho	1	1	1	10
Ho Hung-pong	1	1	1	10
H. J. Cowie	1	1	1	10
S. Judah	1	1	1	10
K. W. Fung	1	1	1	10
Yeung Wing-kwai	1	1	1	10
C. L. Gregory	1	1	1	10
S. W. Tang	1	1	1	10
M. M. Wood	1	1	1	10
Ho Hong-ping	1	1	1	10
C. F. Chiu	1	1	1	10
L. H. Howell	1	1	1	10
Hoo Pak-ming	1	1	1	10
S. L. Yuen	1	1	1	10
W. G. Poy	1	1	1	10

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO
Feb. 20, 1890.
We are informed that the Committee appointed to arrange for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have submitted the proposed programme by telegraph. One of the functions planned is the laying of a Praya Reclamation foundation stone.

25 YEARS AGO
Feb. 20, 1915.
The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club versus the Irish Servants on the Club ground on Saturday February 21—play will commence at 2 p.m.:—Messrs. R. Hancock (Captain), E. N. Anderson, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Grove, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, T. E. Pearce, H. H. Taylor and A. N. Other.

10 YEARS AGO
Feb. 20, 1930.
Whatever the political leanings of the majority of Hongkong's business men may be, we do not imagine that very many of them are likely to endorse over Lord Beaverbrook's idea of bringing the Mother Country and the Crown Colonies together as one unit under a fiscal system which he prefers to describe as Empire Free Trade.

5 YEARS AGO
Feb. 20, 1935.
The expectation that Chinese and Japanese clashes would now be permanently terminated, expressed by General Dohara, the Japanese soldier who has had a brilliant career in Manchuria, and who recently aired his views on the subject of Sino-Japanese relations in Shanghai, has favourably impressed the United States.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (admission \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure who NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. on the FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffin will be obtainable only at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21020).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tio Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffin will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSSES

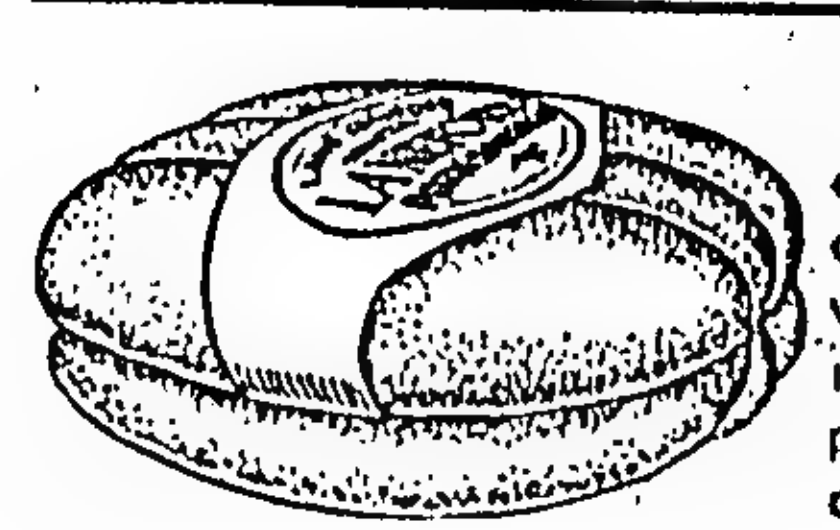
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,
C. H. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

Feb. 28/51.

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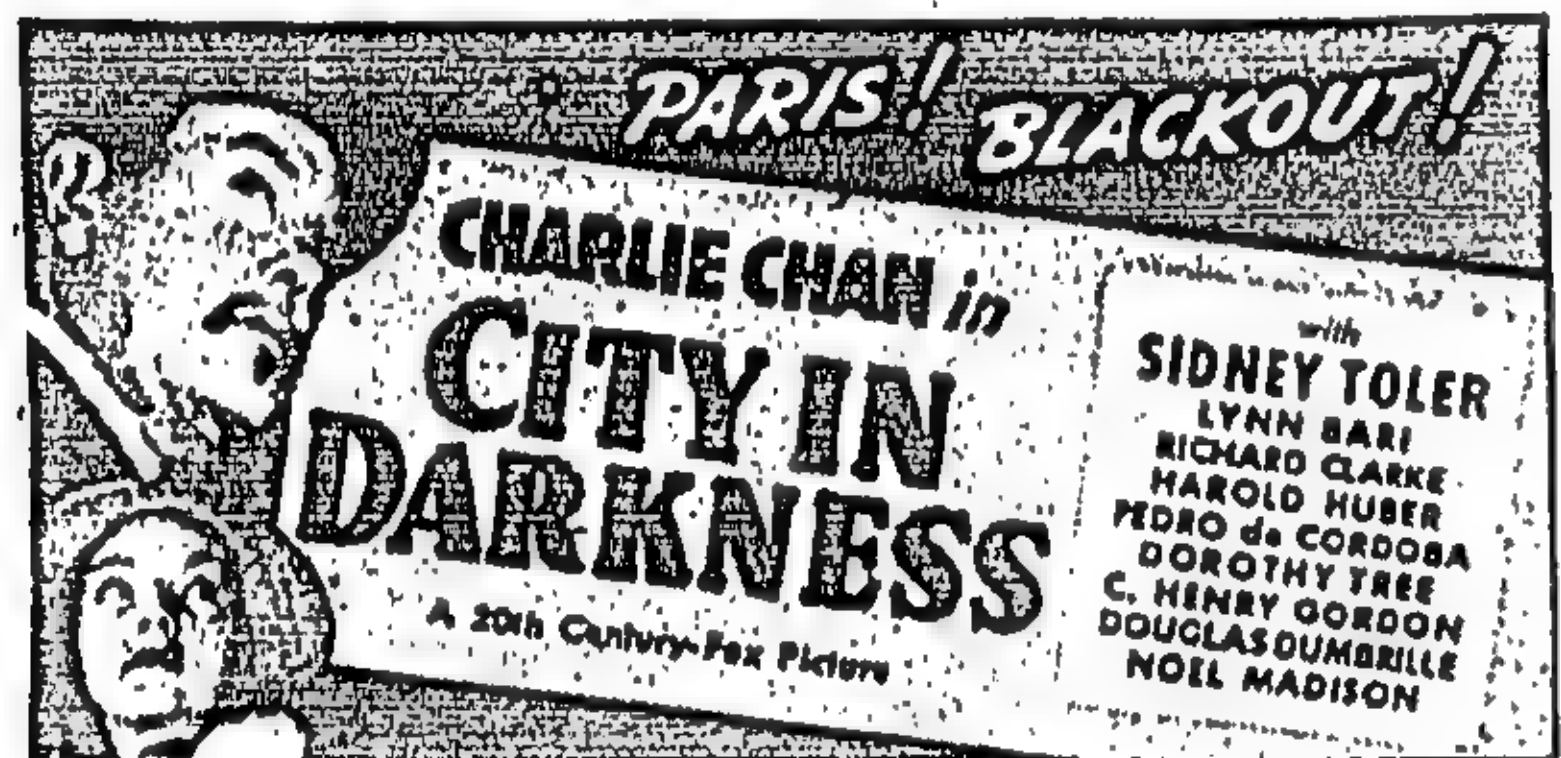
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Our Embassy In China

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. De La Bero asked whether, since the Russian and American Embassies in China enjoyed a favourable geographic proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government, and so had easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations, the Prime Minister would consider moving the British Embassy to an equally favourable geographical position.

In Touch With Chungking
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that while the Ambassador's headquarters were in Shanghai he frequently visited Chungking and was in fact now there.

When he was not in Chungking, contact was maintained with the National Government through the offices of the Embassy which were in the charge of a senior member of the Embassy Staff. These arrangements were found most convenient in practice for maintaining touch with British interests in different parts of China.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, did not consider a modification was called for at present.

All B.E.F. To Have Leave

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—All original members of the B.E.F. are expected to have had leave by the middle of March.

Announcing this in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, said that arrangements are now rapidly being made.

He also said that 17,500 rankers have been recommended for commissions and that 10,000 of these are now with the Officers' Training Centres.

ANOTHER BIG KOWLOON BLAZE

ANOTHER squatters village on the outskirts of Kowloon was partially destroyed by fire in the early hours this morning.

The blaze, which was mainly caused by Star Ferry passengers crossing the harbour at 1 a.m., started through the thatched roof of a hut occupied by a 58-year-old woman catching fire.

It spread rapidly and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene an area containing approximately 100 buildings had been burnt out.

About 500 people have been rendered homeless.

Britons Strengthen Turkish Defences

BERLIN, Feb. 19 (Reuter).—A German news agency message from Sofia declares that about 50 British artillery and engineer officers arrived in Adrianople last week to assist in extending the fortifications of Adrianople and Kirk Kilisi.

The message adds that a mission of British officers is also staying in the Dardanelles region working on the same task.

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador to-day called on the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Wife Sues Former Shanghai Broker

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Feb. 20 (UP).—Mrs. Helen Byram Burdick is suing for divorce from her husband, Don Burdick, a former Shanghai broker.

She is charging him with cruelty and demands the custody of their two children, Anna, aged 8, and Barbara, aged 6.

S.A. Minister Sees The B.E.F.

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The South African minister to Paris is at present visiting the B.E.F.

Reply To Lord Haw-Haw

LISTEN TO Adolf Hitler, whom Haw-Haw calls His Master's Voice:

"Part of the secret of being believed lies in the size of your lie, since the broad masses of the people will more easily be taken in by a big lie than a small one."

That little effort appears in the dulllest book ever written, "Mein Kampf."

Lord Haw-Haw, who is one of the Fuehrer's chief mouthpieces, and whose nightly broadcasts in English are so much funnier than the B.B.C. comedians, has learned this lesson.

His news talks in English last week contained all the shades of lie and half-truth, hypocrisy and sarcasm, known to the tub-thumpers in Hyde Park.

Out-Hawed

And here are a few replies to typical Haw-Haw specimens: It was a remarkable week for His Lordship.

Lie No. 1: "Great Britain's imports have dropped by 42.2 per cent. and her exports by 46.6 per cent. since the war." (Friday, 8.15.)

The Truth: Haw-Haw doesn't seem to know there's a war on. British imports in November—at nearly £90,000,000—were the highest for 18 months—as Britain bought the war materials with which to smash Nazism. British exports last month, maintained by a Navy which rules the seas, were only 17 per cent. below the previous November's figure.

German exports for the same month were (in good cash) approximately nil. Neutrals like dollars and pounds—not trading promises which are never kept.

Lie No. 2: (and many little white lies)—Haw-Haw had a lot to say about the air battle over Heligoland, in which he claimed that the Nazis had shot down 34, 36, or perhaps 40 British bombers (he was never quite sure how many). The facts were: we lost seven, but we shot down 12 Messerschmitts.

Quoted the Times as saying that the new German fighters were faster and better than the British Spitfires. The Times merely said, they were faster, which is vastly different. British planes are much easier to handle in war conditions.

Adding Up

Lie No. 3: When he came to Russia, Haw-Haw really laid it on with a hammer and sickle.

"Stalin has maintained his policy of co-operation with the Reich," he shouted on Thursday. "German and Russian friendship has been reinstated... both great Powers are assisting each other politically and economically on a large scale."

The Truth: Haw-Haw didn't mention that Stalin is building a Maginot Line between his new Polish boundary and Germany.

He didn't mention that German trade delegations have been snubbed all over Russia—and sometimes refused passport facilities.

He didn't mention that Germany gave Finland some quiet help, just to annoy Russia—and that Stalin knows it.

And if you want to know anything more about how fond these dictators are of each other, read Madame Tabou's articles.

Wrong Time-Table

Lie No. 4: His Lordship went astray, as usual, when he said his little piece about Britain being blockaded into defeat.

"Britain has completely underestimated the dangers of the blockade instituted by her own Government," he said. "She had reckoned on a short war."

The Truth: A week after war started the Prime Minister announced that the country was ready and prepared for a three years' fight. It is Germany who wants a short war, not Britain. Britain has the resources to wait ten years—or more—and still win.

PAPER SHORTAGE

Tokyo, Feb. 20.

Fear that commodity shortages in wartime Japan would result in the curtailment of the paper supply to the point where Diet members seeking re-election would be unable to obtain sufficient paper for election campaigns, were voiced in the Diet Budget Committee to-day by Mr. Takano Matsunosuke, Minister, who pointed out that each candidate would require 50 reams and 80,000 reams would be required for the 1,000 candidates.

The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Mr. Gijiro Fujihara, who is one of Japan's paper kings, said:—"I think we can assure a supply. The elections will not be hampered by the result of paper shortage."

However, he said he was unable to reply until later how the distribution would be accomplished.

Commenting on the statement the Hochi Shimbun said: "Apparently Mr. Fujihara has been losing his grip on paper's pulse since joining the Cabinet."—United Press.

LATE NEWS

New Record At Valley Mount Hope Bay Roms Home

THE FOURTH DAY'S RACING at the Valley opened to-day in drizzling weather, with an attendance much smaller than that of preceding days.

The track was soft as a result of last night's rain, and it was not anticipated that the five records already set up at this meeting would be bettered.

Nevertheless, Mount Hope Bay opened the day's racing by setting up a new six furlong record in the Grandstand Stakes by cantering home six lengths ahead of Eve of Folly to win by six lengths in 1.21.2, clipping 2 1/2 seconds off the previous record held by Rose Elect.

With two more days racing in the Annual Meeting to be considered, it appears possible that a new record may be set up—a record number of records!

Five record times had already been set since Saturday and another old record had been equalled before to-day's racing.

Entries from the Moller stable have run away with most of the records of this meeting. Racelyght set a new time of 1.04.3 for the event from the 1 1/2 Mile post on Monday and this time was bettered yesterday by Spicelyght, who did the distance in 1.02.4.

Altogether, the Moller stable claims four of the six new records, one of them being the Derby.

A comparison of the records set at the 1939 and current Annual Meetings is interesting:

1939	1940
Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.23.4 by Rose Elect	Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.22.4 by Spicelyght
China Stakes (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.05 by Desert Cuiet	Sydney Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.16.2 (record equalled) by Far View
Wong Nei-chong Stakes (1/2 mile) .58.3 by Portrush	Wong Nei-chong Stakes (1/2 mile) 1.02.4 by Spicelyght
Hongkong Derby (1 1/2 miles) 2.55.2 by Rose Elect	Lusitano Cup (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.04.3 by Racelyght
	Hongkong Derby (1 1/2 miles) 2.50.4 by Satinlight
	Chater Cup (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.02.4 by Spicelyght (bettering Racelyght's time in Lusitano Cup)
	Rooty Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup 2.41.4 by Far View

OWNERS TIP BURFORD

Burford, Confusion Bay and Satinlight are fancied by prominent owners as the likely candidates in the Champions, which will be run at 4.30 p.m. to-day.

Mr. B. W. Bradbury, owner of the Marber stable, told the "Telegraph" this morning: "I think the chances in the Champions rests between these three ponies."

"There won't be much in it, but I think Confusion Bay has a chance," he said.

Mr. L. Dunbar, owner of the Dunbar stables, also favours Burford.

"I'm afraid that both Burford and Satinlight will be better than my pony," he said.

"After yesterday's race, Burford should have the edge on Satinlight."

ALHAMBRA

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FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY



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Dramatic scenes along the Mannerheim line. French shelling the Siegfried Line with 400 millimeter guns. Finnish troops capture ill-clad Soviet soldiers and put them to work. The 1st division of Canadian troops reviewed by the war secretary. British submarine "Ursula" after sinking a Nazi cruiser near Wilhelmshaven. Russian planes continue merciless raids. The Pope and King exchange visits. Duchess of Windsor "does her bit", etc., etc., etc.



SAT. FRI. "RULERS OF THE SEA"

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. - Margaret Lockwood - Will Fyfe

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MATINEES: 20c-30c. EVENINGS: 20c-30c-50c-70c.

JOURNALIST CHARGED Court. He is charged with violation of the military penal code.

Young Handed to Court For Trial Soon Young, a journalist, has been detained since January 21 at Marunouchi Police Station for questioning.

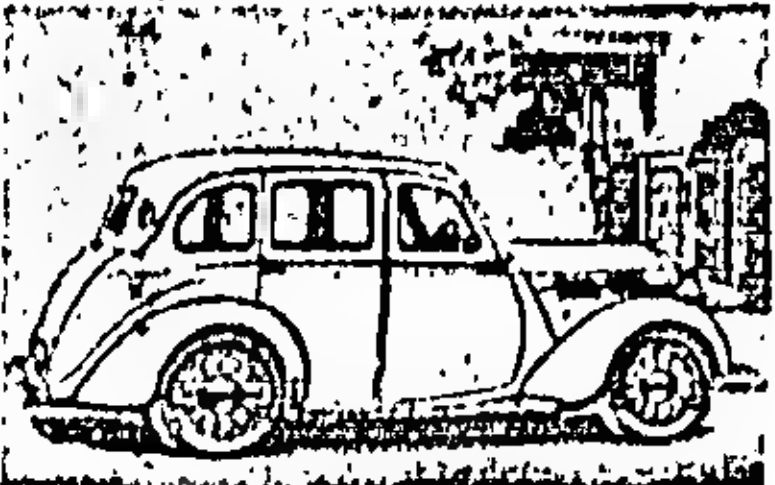
Tokyo, Feb. 20. The Police have handed over James R. Young to the office of the Procurotor of the Tokyo District.

The Foreign Office spokesman indicated unofficially that he expected the trial to begin soon.—United Press.

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Red Capture of Koivisto Fortresses Paves Way to Capture of Viborg: Second Largest City is Threatened with Complete Destruction

FINNS MAY SET UP NEW DEFENCE LINE BEHIND THREATENED CITY

Fall of Viborg May Be Disaster For Defenders, Experts Believe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, FEB. 21 (UP).—IN VIEW OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE FINNS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY MAJOR EFFORT TO DEFEND THEIR SECOND LARGEST CITY, VIBORG.

KOIVISTO FORTS FALL TO REDS

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Radio-Moscow officially announces that the Russian forces which broke through the Mannerheim Line south of Summa have captured the city and fortress of Koivisto.

Koivisto is the gateway to Viborg (Viipuri), second largest city in Finland.

The fortresses guard the sea entrance to Viborg which, if the Russian claim is substantiated, is now seriously compromised.

Fighting has been on a tremendous scale, the desperate Finns contesting every inch of ground.

The Russians are using their mechanized units to considerable effect and, in addition, are attacking the Finnish positions from the air on a scale that makes previous aerial offensives in world history child's play.

The Finnish air force, inadequate as it is to take off for aerial combat with overwhelming numbers of Russian machines, is giving battle wherever possible in an effort to stem the Russian bombing and strafing raids.

The Russians claim that 47 Finnish pursuit planes were brought down in aerial combat during yesterday.

Unequal Contests.
The Russian communiqué states that the retreating Finns have been forced to abandon large quantities of war materials.

To-day's Finnish communiqué remains silent on the threat to Viborg, but claims that elsewhere on the Isthmus front the Russians are being held.

Finland Communiqué
An official communiqué states that the attacks yesterday between the Gulf of Finland and Moulahievi were repulsed.

In the east of the Karelian Isthmus the enemy attempted to advance on Lake Suvanto towards Vuosala but he was stopped on the ice and retired after suffering heavy losses, states the communiqué.

The Finnish troops on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga continued to mop up the enemy positions and beat off all the Soviet counter-attacks.

Russian Positions Captured
The Finns captured several Russian positions at Kholm.

The Finnish coastal batteries dispersed an enemy detachment which, supported by tanks, tried to advance on Lake Ladoga. The enemy lost 200 men.

The Finnish coastal batteries on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga destroyed the ammunition stores and battery of the heavy Soviet artillery.

The Finnish air force continued to attack columns of men and troop concentrations and carried out successfully many bombing flights. There were several air battles.

Six Planes Brought Down
Russian Air Force activity continued on a big scale, several small villages being bombed but so far only seven people are reported killed and six wounded.

Six Russian planes were certainly brought down. The loss of six others has been reported but not yet confirmed.

Germany's Threat To Sweden

Amazing Allegation
Against Hitler

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20 (UP).—Accusations that Germany had threatened to involve Sweden in a general war if the Swedes actively participated in the military defence of Finland, were made in leading Scandinavian papers to-day.

They stated that the declarations by the Swedish Prime Minister and King Gustav did not reveal the precise reasons why the Swedish Government considered it would be drawn into a war.

However, observe the newspapers, it is clear that some country, or countries, have been threatening Sweden with war, and it is generally known that Germany was the country to do so.

No Pressure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Feb. 20 (UP).—Denying that the Norwegian Government had acted with pressure from any side in the Altmark affair, M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, in a statement in reply to Mr. Chamberlain, said that the Norwegian Government recognized the Altmark as a warship and, as such, the vessel could not be searched.

Furthermore, M. Koht quoted British text books, which he claimed, showed that prisoners may be transported inside neutral territorial waters.

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Since the Russians pierced the Mannerheim Line, the Finns, it is believed, have withdrawn to new defence lines which are south of Viborg.

THE FORTRESS OF KOIVISTO, WHICH THE RUSSIANS CLAIM TO HAVE CAPTURED, WAS THE FORMER MANNERHEIM LINE "ANCHOR" TO THE GULF OF FINLAND.

If the Russian claim is true—and it is denied by authoritative Finnish sources in Helsingfors—the Red Army will be able now to advance on Viborg across the frozen harbour.

Military experts here are of the opinion that the fall of Viborg would be a major

BEGINNING ON SATURDAY

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blow to the Finns, almost
fatal in its consequences.

HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES

According to messages
from Helsingfors, heavy
fighting is raging along all
Finland war fronts.

The official communiqué claims
that Red attacks on the Karelian
Isthmus and north of Lake

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London Hears Shrapnel Bursts Overhead:

Ships Subjected to Intensive Strafing

NAZI BOMBERS SWOOP ON ENGLISH COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, FEB. 20 (UP).—GERMAN WAR PLANES SWEEP OVER THE EAST AND NORTHEAST COASTS OF ENGLAND TO-DAY SEEKING TO ATTACK SHIPPING AS A MEASURE OF REVENGE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ACTION AGAINST THE ALTMARK.

SHIPS OFF THE NORFOLK, NORTHUMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE AND SUFFOLK COASTS WERE SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE STRAFING THIS AFTERNOON. THE MINIATURE 'BLITZKRIEG' INAUGURATING A FRESH ONSLAUGHT ON BRITISH COASTAL SHIPPING.

According to German claims, the Nazi planes also carried out reconnaissance flights over the Scottish coast as far north as the Shetlands.

GERMAN CLAIMS

It is claimed by Berlin that two British minelayers and one merchant ship were sunk, but no confirmation of this can be obtained in British official circles.

The Germans also say that their entire fleet of planes returned safely to bases.

The London area, too, it is officially stated by the Air Ministry, was subjected to an enemy attack which lasted about a quarter of an hour.

The air raid warnings were sounded and anti-aircraft fire was heard.

The city of London, however, was neither disturbed by raid alarms nor the sound of anti-aircraft gunnery.

There seems little doubt that the Nazi planes scored some measure of success on shipping along the east coast.

Lifeboats were launched from Norfolk after a report had been received that steamers were being bombed by planes 30 miles off the coast.

An S.O.S. from one of the attacked vessels was picked up by radio listeners along the Norfolk coast.

Residents along the southeast coast of Essex heard the rattle of machine-gun fire, and it is believed that it was the sound of raiders strafing one of the ships under attack.

Air raid warnings sounded throughout southeast Essex, and the all-clear was not given until 30 minutes later.

A message from The Hague says that it has been officially announced that a German warplane was sighted above the town of Leuwarden this afternoon.

Dutch aeroplanes ascended and pursued the German machine. They fired at the intruder which fled in the direction of Germany.

Heavy U-Boat Toll
The serious toll which German mines, submarines and planes have

TURKISH DEFENCE MEASURE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, FEB. 21, (DO-MEI).—TURKEY IS ADOPTING DEFENCE MEASURES AGAINST A "THREATENING SITUATION" IN THE NEAR EAST.

Following immediately on the heels of the invocation of the Defence of the Realm Act yesterday, the Turkish Government to-day announces the inauguration of a Supreme War Council.

The Council is to be called into session immediately.

Concurrently with this decision, it is announced that a party of fifty British military experts have arrived at Adriaanople.

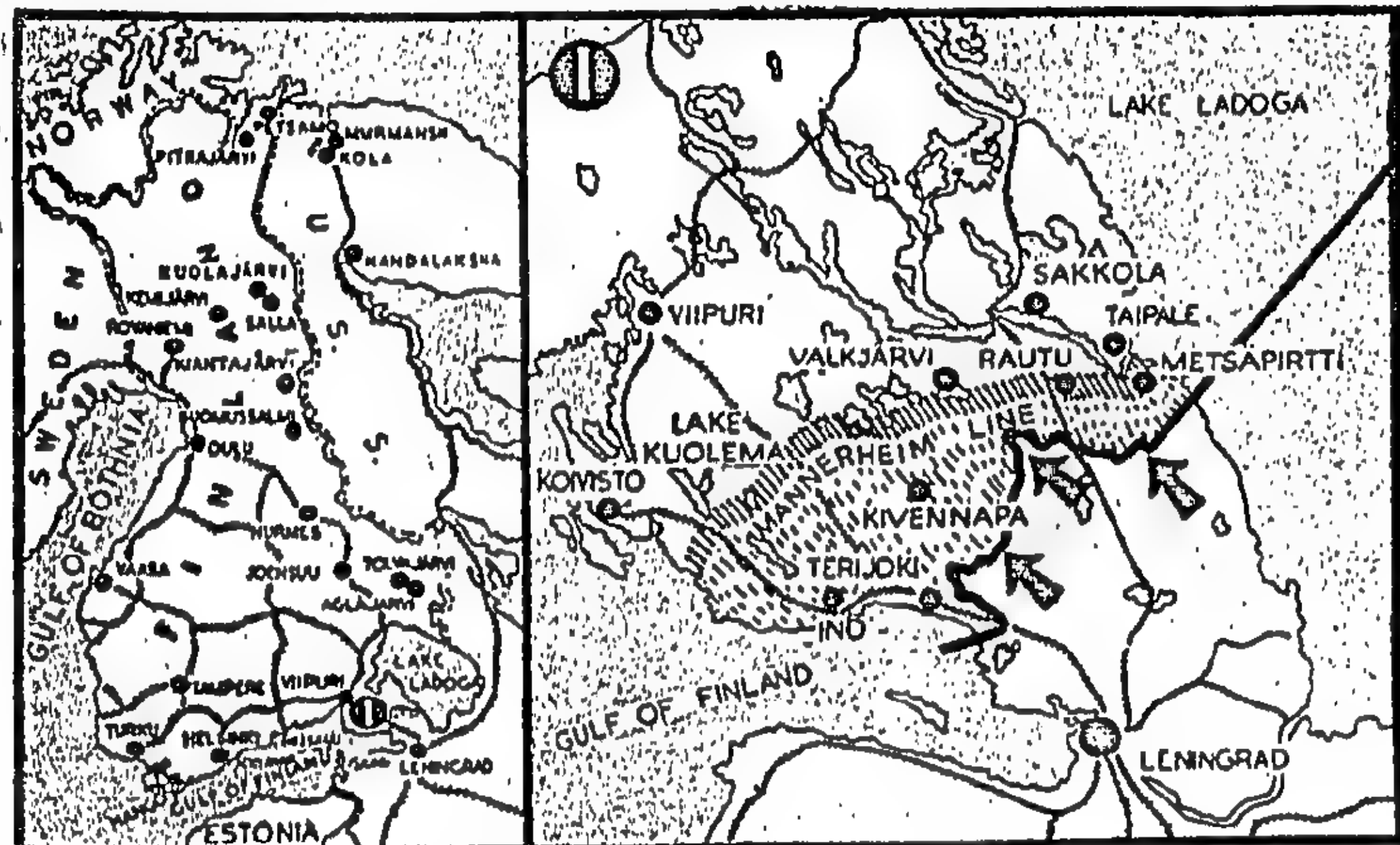
They are to participate in the construction of frontier fortifications near Adriaanople and Kirik-Kilisesh. Turkey is putting this work into hand immediately.

GERMANS CROSS THE PACIFIC

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Japanese

steamer, Heiyo Maru, sailed last night with 80 or 40 German seamen on board.

Most of these German seamen were formerly employed on Standard Oil Company tankers on the east coast. They are returning home via the Far East, preferring to risk possible capture in the Pacific rather than in the Atlantic.



CHAMPIONS DAY AT VALLEY

1163 WAS A LUCKY NUMBER

An investor who holds Cash Sweep ticket No. 1163 won major prizes in the first two races at the Valley to-day.

The ticket, believed to be a through number purchased before the season started, drew Mount Hope Bay in the first race and won \$1,598.80.

In the next event the same ticket drew Boolat Bay which, however, was beaten on the post by a short neck for first place, by a rank outsider, National Pride. A Boolat Bay win would have netted the investor an additional \$1,033.40.

However, as Boolat Bay ran second, the investor gains an additional \$472.40, or a total of \$2,071 for the two wins.

National Pride, which defeated Boolat Bay, paid \$100.00 for a win—the then highest dividend of the Annual Meeting—and \$20.10 for a place.

In the next race, however, Ajax won from Happy Landings by a short head to pay \$281.20 for a win and \$60.00 for a place.

Miss R. Vickers presented the Ladies' Purse to S. C. Liang after the Jockey Cup, the presentation taking place on the steps in front of Sir V. Grayburn's box. Mr. Liang was introduced by Mr. T. E. Pearce. He presented Miss Vickers with a bouquet of yellow gladioli and blue larkspurs.

Dead Heat
Cire's Rincylight and Marber's Grotter ran a dead heat for first.

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THE LUCKY NUMBERS

Cash Sweep Winners
At The Valley

The following lucky numbers came up at the Valley to-day.

RACE 1
No. 1163 \$1,598.80
" 351 450.00
" 112 228.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 11, 2594, 1008, 2673, 2105, 3232.

RACE 2
No. 717 \$1,033.40
" 1163 472.40
" 501 330.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 734, 2370, 3118, 3309, 3549, 3234, 1601, 143, 2911.

RACE 3
No. 3275 \$1,739.30
" 1772 502.30
" 3532 322.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2204, 1222, 267, 1177, 425, 464, 1751, 1917, 1838.

RACE 4
No. 2222 \$1,011.40
" 2222 311.40
" 2222 222.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 143, 191, 2222, 4043, 2271, 1940, 410, 229, 3232, 1008, 467.

RACE 5
No. 4510 \$1,011.40
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" 577 222.20
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TIENTSIN BLOCKADE

Passes For Foreign Women And Children

Tientsin, Feb. 20.

The Japanese Consulate-General on Monday notified the Italian, German and Spanish Consulates in accordance with the representations made by the latter, passes allowing foreign women and children to pass Japanese searching and examining posts will be issued by the Japanese Consulate-General. Passes were issued to American women and children some time ago, and other Consulates have requested similar facilities.

Chinese Demonstration

Tientsin, Feb. 20.

More than thousand Chinese held a demonstration in the Italian Consession here yesterday. "Give us bread! Give us flour," the demonstrators shouted. The Italian police used water hoses to disperse the crowds.

The Yang Pao to-day reports that recent cases of looting of shops in the Chinese city have caused many to close their doors. In one case, a number of Chinese halted a cartload of 40 bags of flour. They offered the Chinese merchant 10 yuan a bag for the flour, but he refused to sell, whereupon the Chinese raided his cart. The Chinese police afterwards recovered 36 bags.

The price of flour in the Chinese city is 20 yuan per bag while in the British concession it is priced at 10 yuan. Sugar is priced at ¥11.50 for ten pounds.

The increase in prices is attributed to hoarding and speculation, many Chinese becoming panicky over the fall in currencies and making heavy purchases of staple commodities.—United Press.

Rubber Outlook Optimistic

Probable Effect Of Quota Decision

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Committee's decision to maintain the quota at 80 per cent. for the second quarter is in accord generally to the market's expectation. Consequently, prices are not materially affected.

The decision means that the technical position will remain unaltered for at least two months, and if the trade demand does not relax in the near future, operators are of the opinion that there will be still larger backwatering of the forward positions.

This might encourage consumers to buy forward as a guarantee to meet eventual requirements, besides having the advantage of backwatering. Some traders hope that the second quarter licence will be released in advance in an effort to bring relief to the nearer positions.

Holland-Germany Frontier Tension

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Germans have imposed drastic restrictions on traffic between Germany and Holland at the frontier station of Glanerbrug, near Enschede, allowing none to pass who cannot prove that he is crossing the frontier for work or business reasons. Goods traffic, however, is going through as usual.

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The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

White Paper

New Aid For The Colonies

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The allocation of a maximum of £5,000,000 a year for 10 years for assistance to colonial Governments is one of the main points in a statement of policy on colonial development and welfare just issued.

The starting point for a new vigorous colonial drive is the publication of a map and recommendations of the West India Royal Commission, which the Commission states "may commend themselves to His Majesty's Government even in the dark days now befallen on the world."

The recommendations include an annual grant of £1,000,000 for 20 years to be administered by a special organisation for general improvement of education and health services, slum clearance, creation of labour departments, provision for social welfare facilities and land settlement in the West Indies.

Political Federation Aim

After making detailed recommendations in various fields, the report declares that political federation is not of itself appropriate means of meeting the pressing needs of the West Indies, but it is the end to which the policy should be directed.

The Government's statement on general colonial policy firstly expresses anxiety to act promptly in the spirit of the recommendations as a whole; to provide £350,000 for such schemes as can be begun immediately, and to establish a new organisation designed to develop the welfare of the services of health and housing and similar services in the West Indies.

£1,000,000 Limit Abolished

As regards colonies generally, it is proposed to abolish the limit of £1,000,000 annually to which colonial development is at present restricted and introduce a new vote for assistance to be available for schemes involving capital expenditure on services like agriculture, education, health and housing.

The help of the Colonial Development Welfare Advisory Committee will be enlisted and the expenditure will cover all colonies, protected mandated territories and High Commission territories of South Africa.

Furthermore a sum not exceeding £500,000 annually will be devoted to colonial research.

Improving Economic Conditions
It is not expected that a full scale expenditure cannot be attained at once, but on the other hand should experience show that the same are ultimately insufficient, it will be open to Parliament to increase them.

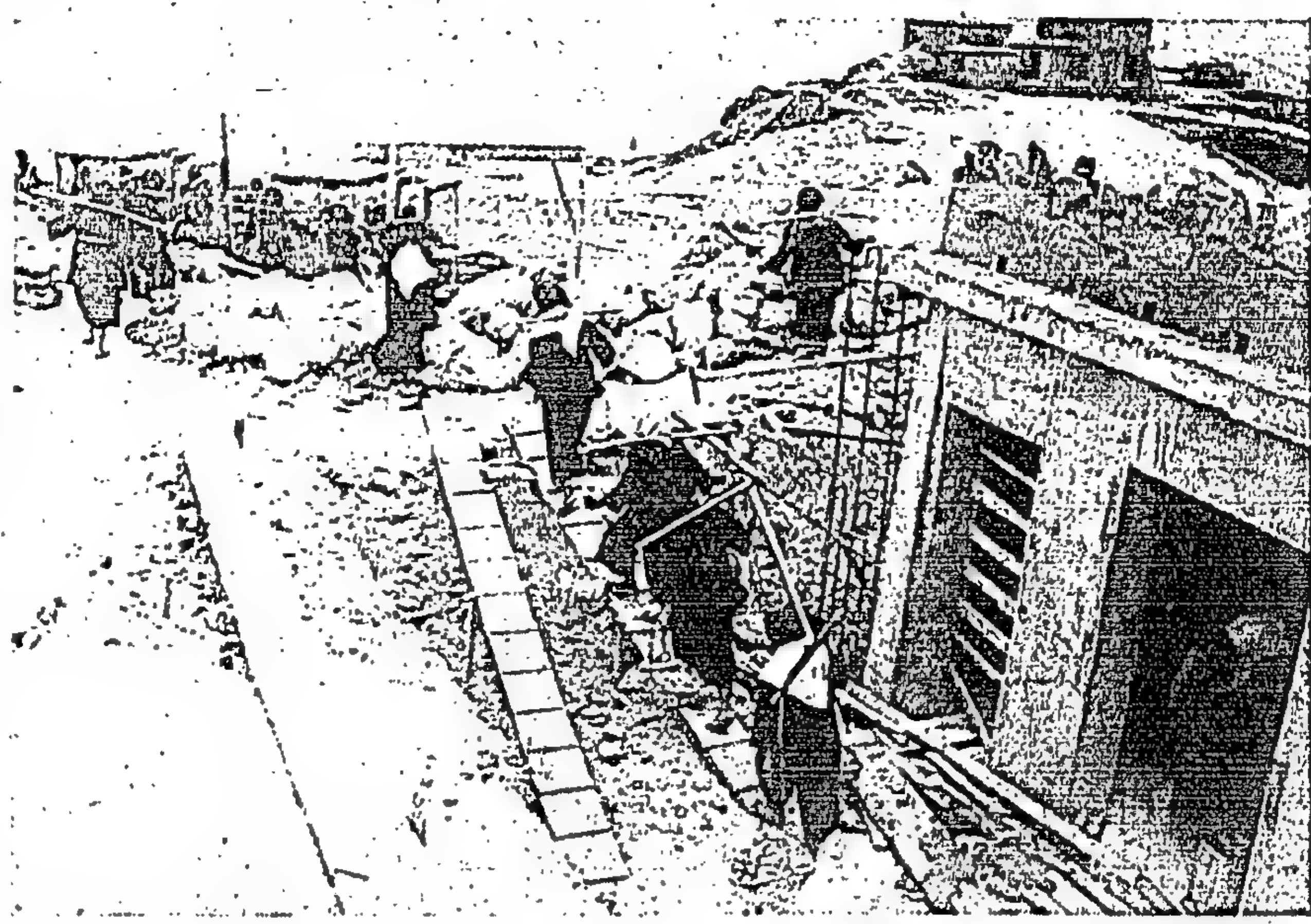
The first emphasis in this much enlarged policy of colonial development will be on improvement of economic conditions as this is a primary requirement on which advance in other directions is largely consequential. In implementing the policy there will be guidance from London, but it will be in no spirit of dictation, and the policy will involve no derogation from the rights and privileges of the local legislatures.

Far-Reaching Developments
LONDON, Feb. 20 (British Wireless).—Interpreting the Government White Paper on the new Colonial policy, an authoritative quarter in London this evening pointed out the importance of such far-reaching developments of traditional policy of colonial development involving an expenditure of £50,000,000 over the next ten years.

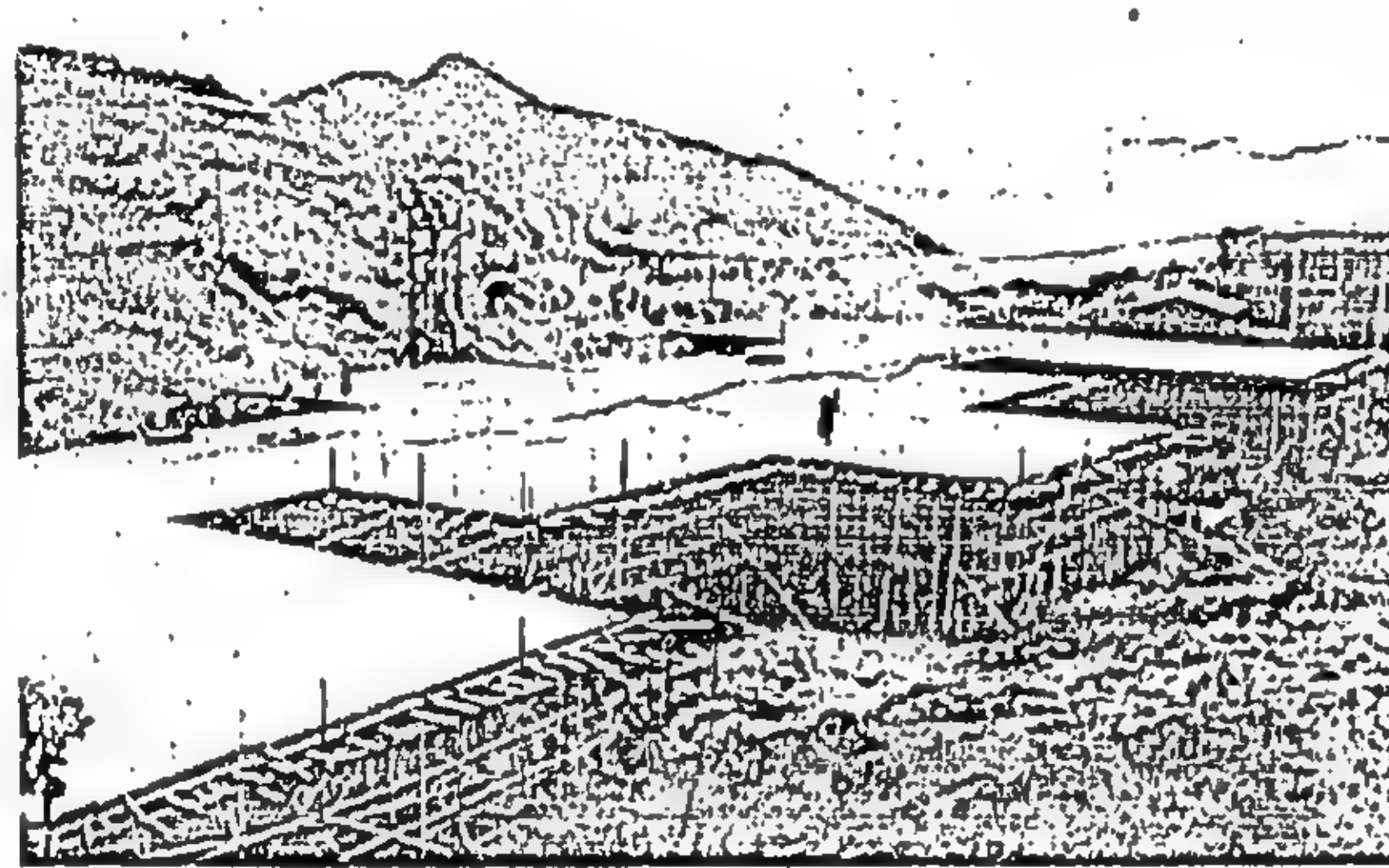
It was emphasised that this decision was not taken because of the war and that the grants were not in the nature of a bribe to the Colonies. In fact, the new policy was outlined before the outbreak of hostilities, and it is noteworthy that execution is decided upon in spite of

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Political Crisis In Sweden KING GUSTAV V MAY ABDICATE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, FEB. 21 (DOMEI).—INTERNATIONAL DISSENSION IN SWEDEN REGARDING THE REJECTION OF FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE ABDICATION OF KING GUSTAV V OF SWEDEN, ACCORDING TO THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "TIDENS TEGEN."

The Correspondent states that serious differences have arisen between the Swedish High Command and the Swedish Government as a result of the rejection of Finland's appeal.

Abbey Service For Lord Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that memorial services for the late Lord Tweedsmuir are being arranged in Westminster Abbey and St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, to take place on Thursday.

The funeral will be private. Mr. Eden added that he was sure the House would wish him to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the great services which Lord Tweedsmuir had rendered to the Empire, and of expressing deep sympathy with his family.

"Everything Quiet"

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—An official communique issued to-day states that "everything has been quiet in the fighting lines."

the heavy financial commitments of Great Britain in the present struggle.

Nazi Argument Falsified
The policy is also considered here as the best possible visible proof of the financial of the familiar German argument that Britain exploits the Colonies. Financial assistance to the Colonies in the form of grants, not loans, for which the Government is seeking Parliamentary authority, shows that Britain, while far from extracting tribute from the European war, in fact makes the British taxpayer an additional burden for the benefit of social and economic improvement and welfare of native peoples.

Finally, it is considered as significant evidence of Britain's confidence that victory is assured if the country, in the middle of a war, is ready to embark upon a costly long-term colonial development scheme.

MORE BRITISH AID FOR FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Minister to London visited Viscount Halifax at the British Foreign Office this afternoon.

They discussed the Russo-Finnish conflict and the developments in Scandinavia. It is understood that they also examined the possibility of expediting and increasing shipments of British arms to Finland.

Commons Cheers The Anzacs Eden's Statement Warmly Received

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).

Cheers punctuated the statement by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, in the House of Commons this afternoon on his visit to Egypt to greet the Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I sought to express to the Australian and New Zealand troops," said Mr. Eden, "the welcome I feel sure this House and every section of opinion in this country would wish me to extend them."

"The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in the Middle East is yet another proof of solidarity, and that the British Commonwealth is with us in a common cause."

Beyond All Praise
"I need hardly add that the exceptionally high physical standard of the troops and their military bearing are beyond all praise."

"The House, I feel sure, would wish me to take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to the people and Government of Egypt for their action as our friend and ally in offering so hospitable a reception to the Dominion contingents."

"During my stay, I was also privileged to see something of the Indian troops who have now been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and to bear to them also a message from the King-Emperor."

"The Circle" A Splendid Achievement

Best A.D.C. Show Since "Night Must Fall"

The Hongkong A.D.C. has another notable achievement to its credit in last night's dress rehearsal of Somerset Maugham's "The Circle" at the Theatre Royal.

It is quite likely that the majority will consider this production as the best since "Night Must Fall," produced by the A.D.C. three years ago. Last night's dress rehearsal was practically flawless, and two people at least scored brilliant success. I. E. Wynne-Jones in his debut on the local stage, gave a magnificent portrayal and vied with Helen Prior for chief honours. Winnie Cox presented a very pleasing study and Cecil Champkin revealed that he has lost none of the talents which have made him one of the most effective amateur players in the Far East.

Excellent too was the work of E. B. Teddall and Andrew Mackintosh, while Beth Smith-Wright and H. C. Muenchmann rounded off an ideal cast. Hongkong can look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a production par excellence.

Southern Rhodesia To Supply Beef

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—A contract has been signed between Southern Rhodesia and Southern Rhodesia whereby British and her Allies will take all the beef that Southern Rhodesia can supply.

"This Admirably Conducted Operation"

Premier on The Altmark Episode

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, described the release of British prisoners from the Altmark as "this admirably conducted operation."

Loud cheers greeted this description when Mr. Chamberlain reviewed the circumstances which led to the escape of the 299 British seamen from the German ship.

These prisoners, said the Prime Minister, were closely confined in a German naval supply ship for more than three months.

Government's Satisfaction

"His Majesty's Government are at present awaiting full reports from the naval officers concerned in this very gallant affair, but I am sure that the House will join the Government in the satisfaction they feel at the release of officers and crews of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee (Cheers) after their long ordeal, and that Members will desire also to congratulate the Royal Navy most heartily upon this notable addition to its annals."

"Apart from the original protest handed to Lord Halifax on February 17, we have received no official communication from the Norwegian Government, but I have seen an account in the Press of the full statement made by M. Kolt in the Storting last night, and I do not make certain comments thereupon at once (Cheers)."

"I feel bound to say that the account makes the action, or rather the inaction, of the Norwegian Government even more difficult to understand than I had previously supposed (Cheers)."

No Examination At All

"We had imagined that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some examination of the Altmark, and our complaint was that this examination had been so perfunctory that it did not reveal the presence of British prisoners aboard."

"Now it appears, however, that the Norwegian authorities conducted no examination of the ship at all."

Mr. Chamberlain said that it appeared in the Norwegian view that the Altmark was regarded as a warship and carried the German state flag, no request to search could be made.

The Chief Naval Officer at Bergen was not quite satisfied and the Altmark was later stopped and refused to submit to an inspection.

Even though the Altmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters, violating Norwegian regulations, this did not lead the Norwegian authorities to take any action beyond complaining and accepting an apology.

British Offer Refused

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that a joint Norwegian and British guard was proposed so that a proper investigation might be made at Bergen (Cheers). This offer was refused. The Norwegian officer declined to accompany the British boarding party aboard the Altmark.

"It will be seen, therefore, that not on one occasion but on three or four that the Norwegian authorities failed to carry out a proper investigation of the matter. Not until after these refusals did H.M. ships take action against the Altmark, and if they had done so she would have been allowed to complete her voyage to Germany without let or hindrance and without any inquiry into the circumstances."

Surprising Statement

"Yet observe also that M. Kolt said that the Norwegian authorities did not know that British prisoners were aboard the Altmark. Considering that this fact was prominently reported weeks ago in the Press of the world, I cannot but regard this as a most surprising statement."

"And it difficult, in these circumstances, to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities have displayed a complete indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet. Even if such indifference is due to German pressure, it is, nevertheless, in the view of His Majesty's Government, inconsistent with the active impartial exercise of duty of a neutral towards ourselves as belligerents."

Doctrine Unacceptable

"According to M. Kolt's views, the Norwegian Government has no objection to the use of Norwegian territorial waters for hundreds of miles by a German warship for the purpose of escaping capture in the high seas and conveying British prisoners to a German prison camp."

"Such a doctrine is at variance with international law as His Majesty's Government understand it. It would in their view legalise the abuse by German warships of neutral waters and create a position which His Majesty's Government could, in no circumstances, accept." (Loud Cheers).

Indian Press Comment

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The feature of Indian newspaper comment on the Altmark incident is a strong vindication by Nationalist organs of the part played by Britain.

"The British reply to the Norwegian protest was convincing," writes the "Bombay Chronicle."

"Norway was assisting a German warship to take to a German prison British captives illegally held. Norway cannot complain if, in such an emergency, the British Government used a destroyer instead of a diplomatic note."

"As for Germany, her hysterical protests only invite ridicule."

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DARING MIDNIGHT ROBBERY

Bandits Abduct Girl In Sedan Car

GANGSTER METHODS were introduced to Hongkong last night in one of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the Colony.

The victim, a 20-year-old dancing hostess named Pak Suet, lost jewellery valued at over \$14,000 as a result of the affray.

She was abducted in the city in a large black sedan car by four men, robbed of her jewellery whilst the car travelled at a fast speed towards Happy Valley and was finally thrown out of the car in Caroline Hill Road. As soon as the girl was thrown onto the roadway the car sped back towards the city.

Police this morning are searching for four Chinese, said to be regular habitués of local cabarets. At least one is believed to have come to Hongkong from Shanghai.

Dancing Hostess

The girl is employed as a dancing hostess at the China Emporium Ballroom.

She met one of the alleged bandits there shortly after 10 p.m. last night and agreed to accompany him to the Capital Ballroom shortly after midnight. They were joined there by two other men.

A short while after the girl decided to return to the China Emporium Ballroom and the three men offered to drive her there in their car. As soon as she entered the car one of the men produced a revolver whilst another placed a hand over her mouth.

Threw Rings From Car

The girl agreed to hand over her jewellery, and commenced to take her rings off her fingers.

As the car passed the Hongkong Hotel in Queen's Road the girl, hoping the attention of nearby pedestrians would be attracted, suddenly threw her two rings out of the window.

The car stopped and one of the men leapt out to retrieve the rings. The girl managed to momentarily free herself from the grip of the other man and screamed for assistance.

Without waiting for the confederate who had gone back to search for the two rings, the car drove off again at a high speed.

The girl was robbed of her remaining jewellery whilst on route to Happy Valley.

In addition to the two rings—one of which was valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$1,500—the girl lost a white gold bracelet valued at \$2,000, a gold necklace valued at \$70, \$150 in cash and other items.

It is not known whether the bandits recovered the rings thrown into Queen's Road or whether they were picked up by pedestrians.

Previous Robbery

The "Telegraph" learns that Pak Suet, who lives in Min Fat Street, was wearing jewellery which figured in sensational robbery about two years ago.

She was also the victim of the earlier hold-up.

The jewellery on that occasion was stolen from her home. Police subsequently made an arrest and the jewellery was recovered. The robber is still serving a sentence in Stanley Prison.

Norway Loses Two Ships

Overtaken By North Sea Death Trap

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Norwegian steamer Sangstad, (7,850 tons) is reported to have been sunk in the North Sea on Sunday last. She was en route from La Plata to Norway with a full cargo of grain which had been purchased by the Norwegian Government.

The crew of 20 and one blind passenger were saved.

All hopes have now been abandoned for the Norwegian steamer Hop (2,250 tons) which sailed for Trondheim on February 3, and has not been heard of since.

A crew of 18 were aboard the vessel.

Danish Survivors Safe

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The owners of the Danish steamer, Sleipner, sunk last Thursday evening, have announced that seven of the crew and six Greek passengers, who were reported missing, have been landed at a British port.

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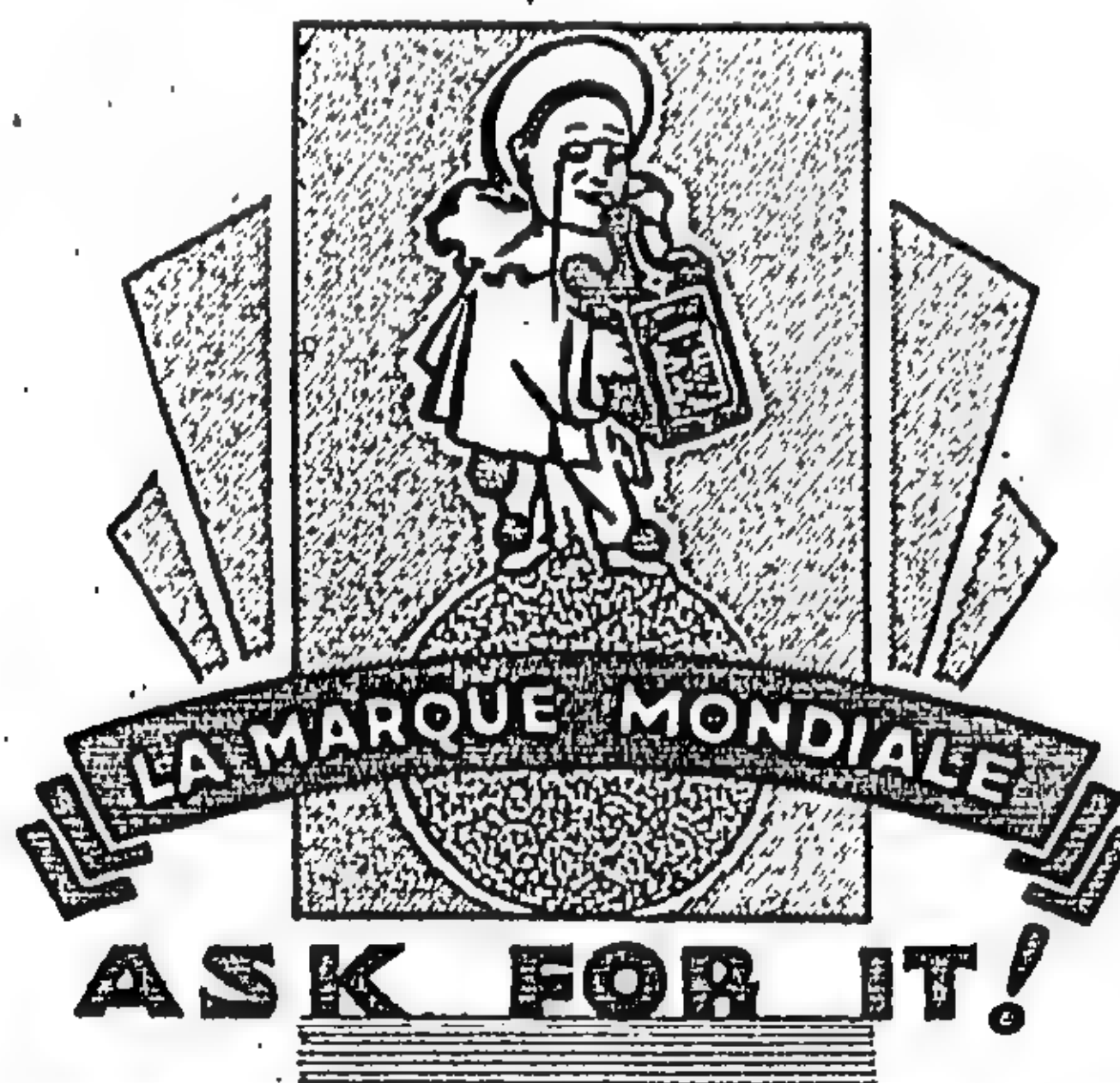
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Britain's First War Film

THERE'S a film coming to Hongkong shortly which is Britain's answer to the oft-made charge that, so far, Germany has been victor on the photography sector of the current war.

It is "The Lion Has Wings", Britain's first full-length war movie, produced by Alexander Korda. Released throughout the world by United Artists, this film will be shown in Hongkong early in March.

Denham Studio

Quiet and unemotional with its stars, Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson, subordinated to its news-reel core, "The Lion Has Wings" was filmed in 12 days and nights, amid great secrecy, at the Denham studios of Alexander Korda.

Though censors cut out vast footage for fear of revealing defence secrets, it still remains a historic document. It includes a first-rate re-enactment of the September 4 air raid on the Kiel Canal and a dramatic re-production of a night's work by the Fighter Command, a secret air-protection force.

The London openings of this film was attended by high military and political representatives of Great Britain as well as dignitaries from other European and American countries.

New Screen Role Idea

RECENTLY Leslie Howard, famous British screen star, woke up at Westcott, Surrey, one morning with a big idea.

He had just read the world's best best-seller, Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson's report to Lord Halifax on the last days in Berlin.

His idea was that he, Leslie Howard, should play Ambassador Henderson in a film of that story. A story that holds the greatest drama of this age.

Howard planned to invite great actors to impersonate the actors of this world drama. He thought to go to Count Veidt to ask him to be Ribbentrop.



Would be Ambassador.

The film was to be a powerful and effective statement of Britain's war case on the screens of the world.

At first the idea went well. The money was found. Sir Joseph Ball, head of the film section at the Ministry of Information approved. Sir Robert Vansittart, Foreign Office expert, enthused.

Leslie Howard wrote to Lord Halifax asking out his idea. But the idea was turned down.

The Foreign Office say that living people may not be portrayed on the screen.

The film, however, is not dead. Conferences are still being held to discuss how far it may be possible to make it without personalities. Perhaps Howard could be just the British Ambassador, an unidentified statesman as spokesman of Britain's case.

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"Lion Has Wings"



RALPH RICHARDSON, as a British aviation officer, and Merle Oberon, as his wife, in the Korda production, "The Lion Has Wings" which is coming to Hongkong next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Death of a Champion."
Oriental: "Risky Business."
Majestic: "Here I am a Stranger."
Queen's: "Back Door to Heaven."
King's: "Naughty but Nice."

'March Of Time' Shows Hongkong Scenes

"The Battle Fleets of Britain," one of the latest March of Time shorts, was made with the full co-operation of the Admiralty and is a dramatic review of the sea might of our British Empire.

This film, which is being shown in many countries all over the world, is good propaganda.

IT reminds us that since we defeated the Spanish Armada we've held sea supremacy, which Germany only once dared challenge in the last war.

We see the formidable Home Fleet patrolling the North Sea and the Mediterranean and the safeguarding of the Suez Canal.

Special scenes of Hongkong's defences and our A.R.P. organisation are shown. These scenes were taken last year by Mr. V. Jurgens, March of Time photographer, who is back in town filming more of our Colony.

But to return to this particular film: The commentator tells us that during the next twelve months at least one new fighting vessel per week will be launched to increase the present huge fleet. Already we possess more fighting ships than any other navy in the world. We've got our submarines, too, fifty of them and five new aircraft carriers, in addition to those at present in use, are being built.

"The Battle Fleets of Britain" will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres with "Fifth Avenue Girl."

Cinderella Girl Weds

HOLLYWOOD, (UP).—Judy King, one of Hollywood's "Cinderella girls," was honeymooning recently with Lieut. Ben Funk of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The young actress and the flyer, who met here on a film set, eloped to Winslow, Ariz., and were married by the Rev. Ed. Dachler. Funk's brother, Harold, married Evelyn June Paine of Denver in the same ceremony.

Eighteen months ago Miss King came here from Dallas, Tex., to sell the movie a song she composed. The movie-makers looked at her, instead of her song, and the pretty Texas girl was placed under contract as an actress.

Her true name is Pane Simmons, and she is the daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Simmons of Dallas.

Disney Cartoon Programme

ON Sunday a new Walt Disney cartoon programme will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Included among the cartoons which will be shown are "Goody and Wilber," "The Autograph Hound," "Donald's Cousin Gus," "Becki Pimple," "The Hockey Champ," "The Practical Pig," "The Politician," "The Ugly Duckling," and "The Society Dog Snow."

None of these cartoons have been shown in Hongkong before.

Views Of New York Critics

NEW YORK, (UP).—New York critics decided that Samuel Goldwyn's production of "Wuthering Heights" was the best motion picture of 1939.

"Wuthering Heights" was adapted by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur from the novel by Emily Bronte. William Wyler directed it and Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon played the principal roles.

Vivien Leigh, "Scarlet O'Hara" of "Gone With The Wind," was acclaimed for the finest performance of the year by an actress; James Stewart was voted the best actor for his work in the Frank Capra-Columbia production of "Mr. Smith Goes To Washington."

Other awards were:
Direction—John Ford for "Stage Coach."
Best Foreign Language Film—"Harvest," (French).
Seventeen critics participated in the voting.

Christopher Robin Film

A. A. MILNE'S "Christopher Robin" poems are being considered by Disney at the moment for a series of new cartoons. Disney is particularly taken by the character of "Winnie the Pooh," the little bear.

Probably the most popular children's poems of to-day, these should make grand material for Disney.

A. A. Milne's son, the Christopher Robin of the books, is now in the Army.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

The Market continues quiet but prices are well maintained:—
Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,415
Canton Ins. \$212 1/2
Union Ins. \$405
Fire Ins. \$182
Douglases \$100
Lands \$37 1/2
Realities \$4 1/2
Tramways \$17.55
Star Ferries \$54
Yau-mai Ferries \$25
China Lights (New) \$5
Electricity \$37 1/2
Macao Electricity \$20
Telephones (Old) \$26.60
Watsons \$9.40
Entertainments 7 1/2
Humphreys \$7 1/2

Sellers
Lands \$30 1/2
Watsons \$9.60

Sales
H.K. Bank \$1,425
Union Ins. \$470
Lands \$30 1/2
China Lights (Old) \$9.10
Telephones (Old) \$27 1/2
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100 1/2

Britain's Second War Film

WILL Hongkong cinema-goers be allowed to see the British film "U-boat 29" which was produced in London at the Denham Studios with British capital?

Recently the Malayan film censor banned this picture, no reason for the banning being given. The film will go up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal.

How will this film fare in Hongkong?

At present no notification of the arrival of the film has been received here.

This film, which has an imposing British cast including Valerie Hobson, Sebastian Shaw and June Duprez, ran for four weeks at the London Odeon and was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "The Spy in Black."

Scene after scene in this melodrama is said to have such amazing parallels in recent European events and such strong elements of anti-German propaganda that responsible American film interests have released it in the United States under the title of "U-boat 29."

U-Boat Explodes

The infamous exploits of U-boat 29 which sets out from the Kiel Canal to an unknown assignment in Scapa Flow near the Orkney Islands, and the brutality and cunning of its commander, form the background of a picture that sees the fleet in action.

The final scene is a realistic portrayal of the sinking of the U-boat after having been hounded and bombed by a British destroyer.

The lighter side of the production stresses Germany's economic impoverishment as one hears the water at a Kiel hotel say that as there is no butter or meat, the U-boat commander, after 14 days at sea on sardines, will have to do with margarine and boiled carrots. Later, in a logical sequence at a Scottish home, the adequacy of food is strikingly contrasted.

The British board of film censors granted the picture the "U" (Universal) certificate.



GLORIA SWANSON may make yet another come-back. Joe Pasternak, producer of Deanna Durbin pictures, is trying to get her to play Deanna's screen mother.

Strange Screen Test

ONE of the strangest screen tests in film history was that in connection with the making of the Edison film.

Applicants were required to say quickly and accurately the following eight words: "Mahalalcel, Methuzelah, Arphaxad, Hazamaveth, Chedorlaomer, Zephaniah, Obadiah, and Nebuchadnezzar."

These words figured in an important incident in Edison's life. When he first invented the gramophone many people thought it was a hoax and that a ventriloquist was employed.

On the occasion, a clergyman stamped into Edison's office and demanded to test the machine out. The clergyman then hurried into the recorder these eight words. Then he settled back snugly in the knowledge that no other man alive—least of all a ventriloquist—could speak the words with such rapidity and articulation. The words came back as he said them and presumably he was convinced.

Charles Laughton's Latest Film

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio show starring Charles Laughton, broke all records in the Nanking Theatre, Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays, grossing \$50,000 during the eight day run.

The film will commence screening in Hongkong on February 28.

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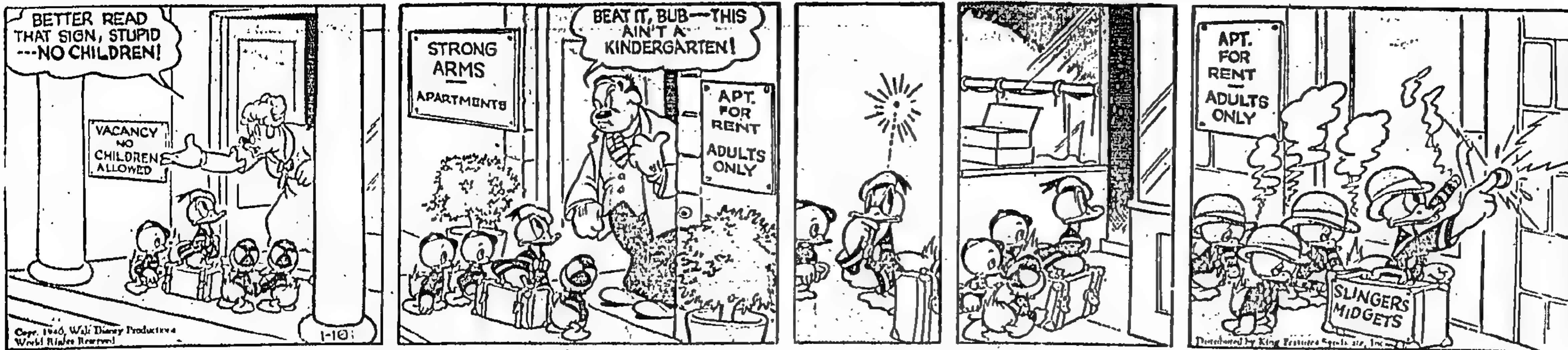
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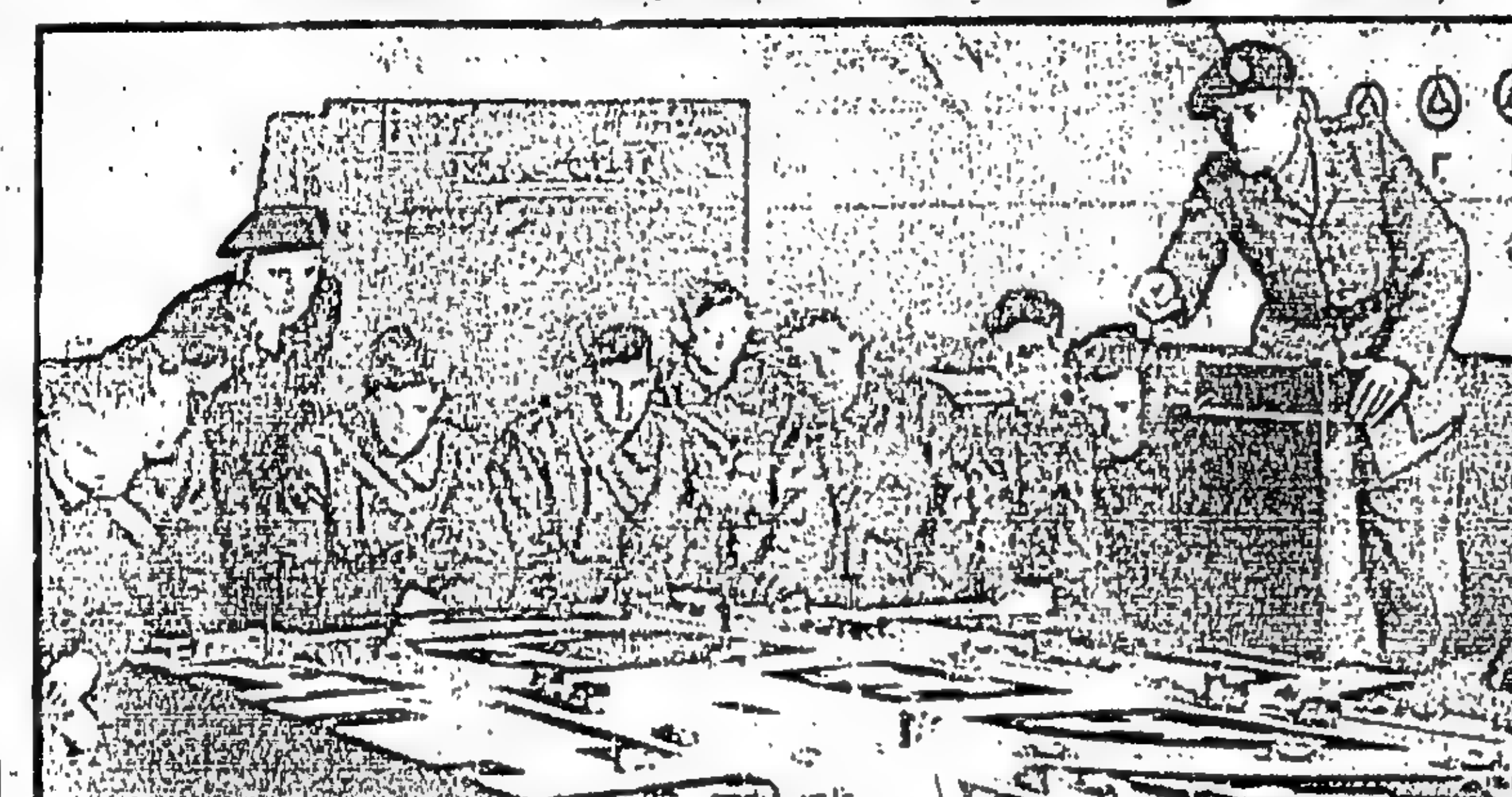
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H. K. T.
 12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession
 12.30 Half an hour of Spanish Music
 1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report
 1.05 Swing Music with Maxine Sullivan
 1.30 Refuter and Rhythmic Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements
 1.45 Musical Comedy Selections from "Conversation Piece"
 2.15 Close down
 2.30 An hour of Dance Music—7.0 Closing local Stock Quotations
 7.02 Variety with Sophie Tucker, Oliver Wakefield and Flanagan and Allen
 7.30 London Relay—The News
 8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements
 8.05 Songs by Heddie Nash (Tenor)—The Shepherd's Song, If I Am Dreaming, Serenade, with Orchestral accompaniment
 8.15 Elkar—Enigma, Variations Op. 36—The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult
 8.40 Studio—Piano Recital by Nura Kanis—1. Compositions of Brahms: (a) Intermezzo in A Minor, (b) Intermezzo in A Major, (c) Intermezzo in B Flat Minor, (d) Capriccio in B Minor; 2. Liebesleid (Kreisler, trans. Rachmaninoff)
 9.05 Songs by Amelita Galli-Curci (Soprano)—The Gypsy and the Bird, with Flute obligato by Clement Barone; Forlù—Valse, with Orchestral accompaniment; Russian Nightingale Song, with Flute obligato by Clement Barone
 9.15 London Relay—News Summary
 9.30 Rachmaninoff—Symphony No. 2 in E Minor, Op. 27—Eugene Ormandy and the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra
 10.17 Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler—Gavotte, Rondino On A Theme By Beethoven, Caprice, Vieni, Londoner's Air, with Piano accompaniment by Franz Rupp
 10.30 Selections from "The Gelsia", "The Three Waltzes", "Paradise" and "Floradora"
 11.0 Close down.

Road Sense—Theory And—



H.K. Stock Market

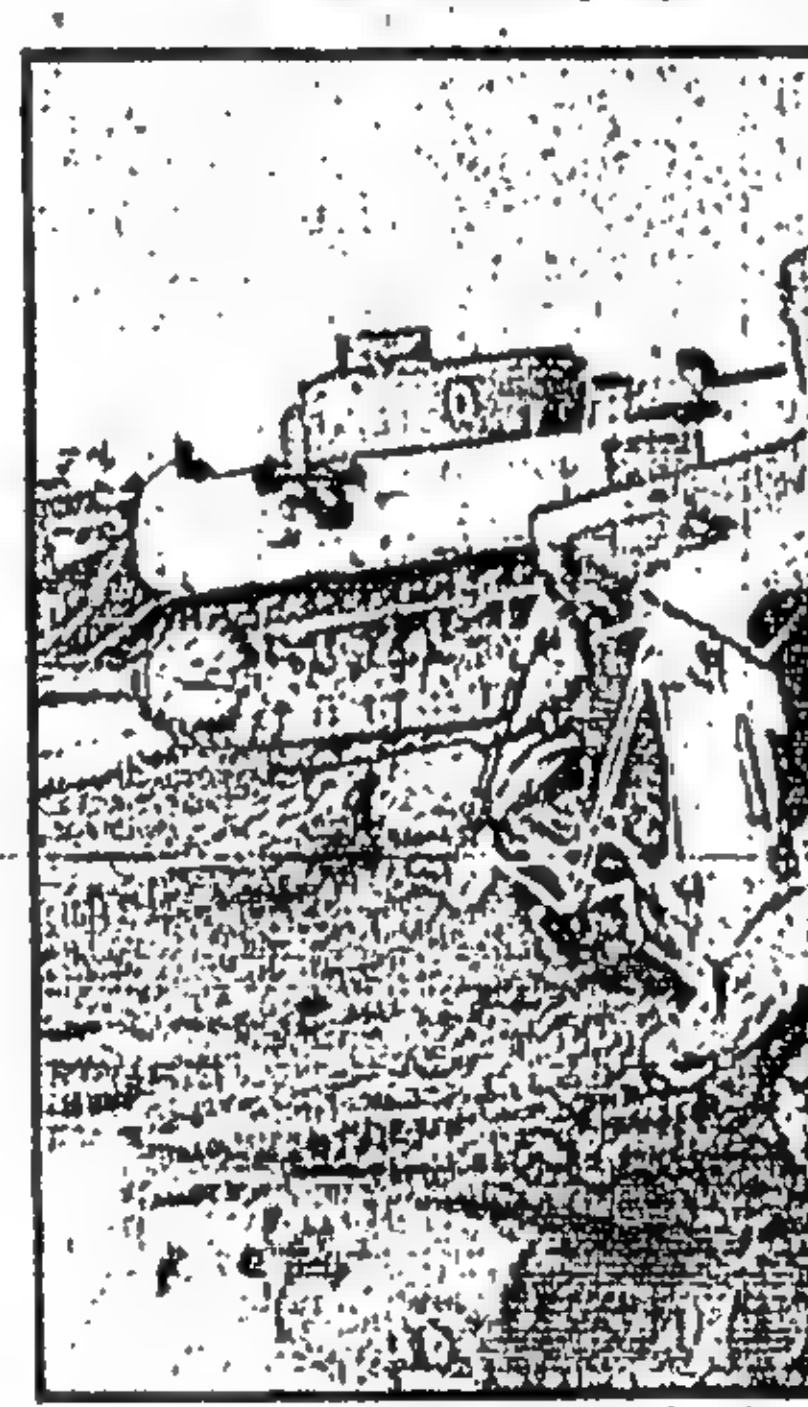
The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks, 3 C.D.	1,425 sh.
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	£
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Chartered	X.D. 83 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	£
Mercantile, C. & E.	12 1/2 n.
East Asia	78 n.
INSURANCES	
Canton	212 1/2 b.
Union	470 b.
China Underwriter	1 s.
H.K. Fire	182 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglases	100 b.
Steamboats	10 1/2 n.
Indo-China P.S.	100 n.
Indo-China D.S.	100 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/	76 3/4 n.
Waterbouts	7 1/2 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	102 n.
Docks	22 1/2 sh.
Providents	4.00 b.
New Eng. Sh.	30 1/2 n.
Sh. Docks Sh.	328 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/	18/- n.
Raub's	10 n.
Venz, Gold	4 n.
H.K. Mines	3 1/2 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotels	5.65 d.
Lands	38 1/2 b. & c.
Shai Lands Sh. S.	100 n.
Hampneys	20 n.
H.K. Realities	7 1/2 n.
Chinese Estates	101 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams	17.55 b.
Peak Trams (old)	3 n.
Peak Trams (new)	4 n.
Star Ferries	64 b.
Y. Ferries	25 b.
China Lights (old)	7.00 b.
China Lights (new)	5.00 b.
H.K. Electric	57 1/2 b.
Macao Electric	20 b.
Sandakan Lights	11 1/2 b.
Telephones (old)	27.00 sh.
Telephones (new)	9.00 b.
Traction s/	19/6 n.
Traction (Prof.) s/	19/9 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.)	Sh. \$14.00 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.)	Sh. \$12 n.
Antoni Ices	1 n.
Cements	10.25 sh.
H.K. Ropes	5.85 n.
STORES &c.	
Dairy Farms (old)	\$22.25 b.
Dairy Farms (new)	\$21.30 b.
Watsons	\$9.60 b.
Lane, Crawford's	\$7 1/2 n.
Sincere	\$1.80 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$41 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$1 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	\$38 n.
Shai Cotton Sh.	\$170 n.
Zong Sing Sh.	\$44 n.
Wing On Textiles Sh.	\$48 1/2 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Entertainments	\$7 1/2 b.
Constructions (old)	\$1 1/2 n.
Constructions (new)	\$1 n.
Vibro Pillar	\$85 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt. 8 1/2 1925	50 1/2 n.
C. Bonds	14/8 n.
H.K. Govt. 4 1/2 Loan	100 1/2 n.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/211
Demand do.	1/211
T.T. Shanghai	343
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	103 1/4
T.T. India	32 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/4
T.T. Manila	48 1/4
T.T. Batavia	45 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	150 1/4
T.T. Saigon	103 1/4
T.T. France	10.05
T.T. Switzerland	107 1/4
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/2
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P do.	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 1/4
4 m/s France	11.40
30 d/s India	83 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.95 1/4

SEATED ROUND A model traffic control centre recruits to the Tank Corps are given their first lesson. Traffic problems are demonstrated and recruits are asked to solve them. After a few weeks of this comes



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ALTHOUGH the first list of casualties issued by the War Office contained 758 names, only 39 are the result of enemy action.

It covers the home as well as overseas areas from the outbreak of war until December 31 last.

Three women are named in this roll of honour—a nurse and two members of the Auxiliary Territorial Service.

The list is composed as follows: 13, died of wounds; 1, wounded 24, missing 1, died (other causes) 719. The three officers killed and five N.C.O.'s and men were in the 10,000-ton liner Yorkshire, which was torpedoed in the Atlantic with the loss of 59 lives in October.

The nurse whose death is reported was Staff Nurse E. F. Davidson, of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service (reserve) and the A.T.S. members, Senior Leader W. E. Sargeant and Vol. P. G. Shaw.

Few Lost in Action

Mr. Oliver Stanley, Secretary for War, announced in the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Lees-Smith (Lab., Kellie), that the number of British Army casualties in action has so far been small.

The first list would include 720 deaths from accident or disease. "The list of deaths from accidents or disease may seem a long one,"

POST OFFICE

INWARD MAILS	
Calcutta and Straits	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 10th February.	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th February.	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 14th February.	Feb. 21.
Japan	Feb. 21.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 14th February.	Feb. 21.
Amoy	Feb. 21.
Bangkok and Saigon	Feb. 22.
Hankow	Feb. 22.
Canton	Feb. 22.
U.S.A., Honolulu, and Japan (San Francisco date, 20th Jan.).	Feb. 23.
Shanghai	Feb. 24.
OUTWARD MAILS	
Wednesday, Feb. 21	
Amoy	7.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service"—due Paris, 29th February.	K. P. O.
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.	
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 21, 5.00 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 28th February.	K.P.O.
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 21, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
Ord.	Feb. 22, 7.30 a.m.
Thursday, Feb. 22	
Canton	7.15 a.m.
Straits	10.30 a.m.
Bandan	12.30 p.m.
Hankow	1 p.m.
Amoy	7.00 p.m.
Shanghai	7.00 p.m.

ANOTHER BIG KOWLOON BLAZE

ANOTHER squatters village on the outskirts of Kowloon was partially destroyed by fire in the early hours this morning.

The blaze, which was plainly visible to Star Ferry passengers crossing the harbour at 1 a.m., started through the thatched roof of a hut occupied by a 58-year-old woman catching fire.

It spread rapidly and by the time the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene an area containing approximately 100 buildings had been burnt out.

About 500 people have been rendered homeless.

Britons Strengthen Turkish Defences

BERLIN, Feb. 19 (Reuter).—A German news agency message from Sofia declares that about 50 British artillery and engineer officers arrived in Adrianople last week to assist in extending the fortifications of Adrianople and Kilk Kilkil.

The message adds that a mission of British officers is also staying in the Danubian region working on the same task.

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The French Ambassador to-day called on the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Pte. A. G.	
1st Shropshire Light Infantry—James, Pte. G. W. Lee, Cpl. J. J. Lowe, W.O.III M. M. Malle, Pte. O. Maud, Pte. W. M. Maud	

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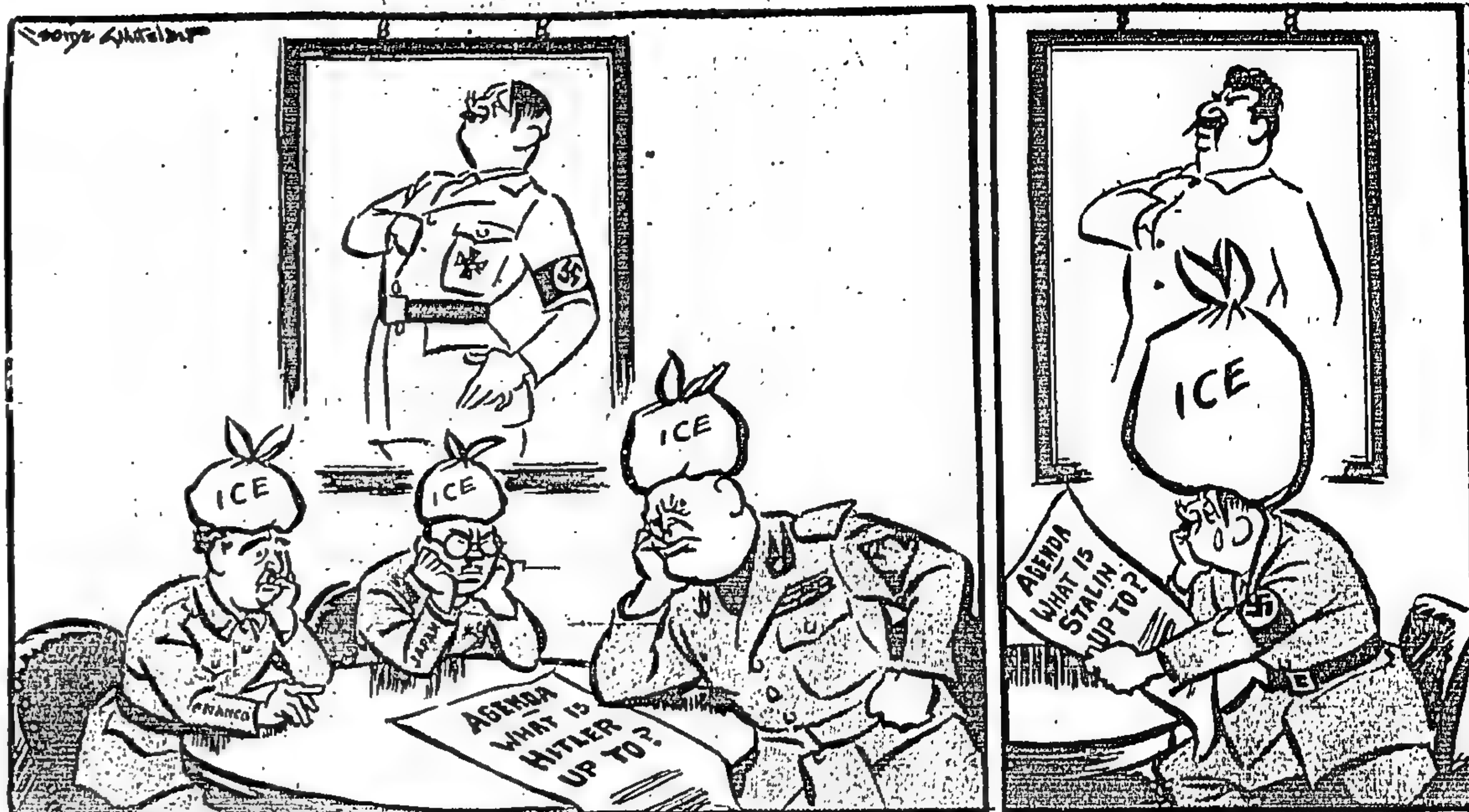
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HEADACHES

STALIN—the modern Genghis Khan?

BY W. N. EWER

MR. HOOVER the other day said "the Communist attack on peaceful Finland typifies the barbarism of Genghis Khan."

There is perhaps more in the comparison than Mr. Hoover realised, for he was just being rhetorical.

Nor, I think, would Stalin take it for an insult, for Genghis is by way of becoming a Stalinist hero.

Who was he, this Genghis or Chingis, whose name—or rather title—has been for seven centuries a synonym for savagery and terrible whirlwind conquest?

His real name was Temujin. He was son of a little chieftain of a Tartar or Mongol tribe on the steppes near Lake Balkal, born in 1162 when Henry II was king here.

Skillful, cunning, a man of steel, he gained domination over friends and rivals alike.

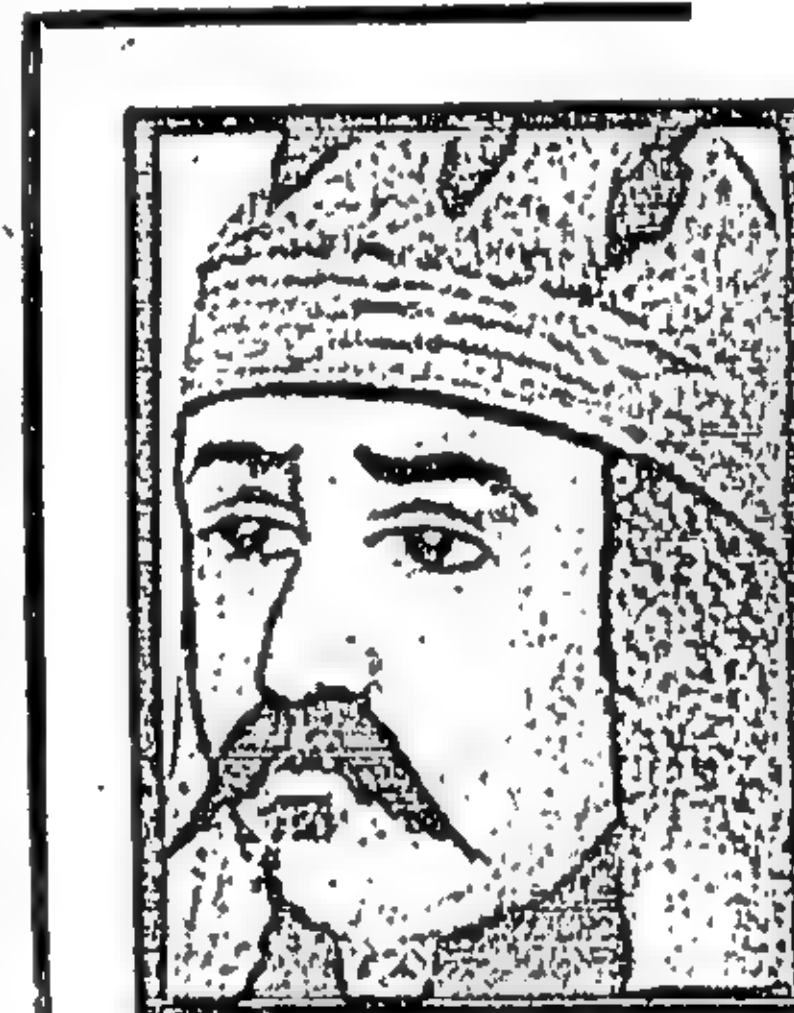
He united the Mongols under his own leadership, disciplined them, organised them, built an army of fierce horsemen.

Then he struck. Out of Central Asia there burst on the civilised world a tremendous revolutionary force. China was first victim. Temujin (now bearing the title Chingis Khan, or Great Leader) struck in 1211.

Four years later—in the year of Magna Charta—his troops were in Peking. He was master of Northern China.

He turned westward against the Islamic States: burst into Turkestan: took Bokhara and Samarkand. In a dozen years he had made an empire that stretched from the Pacific to the Black Sea. Then he died, aged 65.

But the work went on. The Tartars under his sons and grandsons swept over Russia, swept into Persia and Iraq and Palestine, hammered—at the outskirts of Western Christendom, spread dis-



GENGHIS KHAN



STALIN

"Remember that I, too, am an Asiatic," Stalin is reported once to have said.

may and alarm through Europe. Later Mongol princes founded an Empire in India. Men still alive can remember the passing of the last "Great Moghul."

The wave died down. The empire of Chingis crumbled. Europe and Islam and China recovered from the tremendous impact.

But the Tartar conquest left deep traces where it passed. And the terror of the name of "Genghis Khan" inspired a hundred legends.

What conceivable parallel can there be between such a man and Stalin, the Marxist leader of a Socialist State?

The answer, I think, is that we judge Stalin wrongly if we think of him primarily as a Communist. Primarily he is a great Asiatic chieftain, whose vision is of a great

Asiatic Empire, pressing upon Europe, perhaps even dominating Europe, avenging Europe's conquest of Asia.

"Remember that I, too, am an Asiatic," he said once to a Japanese Ambassador.

It was a profoundly significant remark.

For this Georgian the Bolshevik revolution itself was less a rising of oppressed classes than a rising of oppressed peoples: a revolt against Westernism in all its manifestations. It is significant that in the early years he busied himself with the question of the "nationalities," not with social or economic matters.

It is significant that, come to power, he broke the "Westernised" old Bolsheviks and surrounded himself with men free from European contamination.

He brought Russia more and more out of European influence. He began to shift her industries

into Asia—not only for strategic reasons.

The centre of gravity of the Russian Empire has been moved eastwards, Asia-wards. Its old historic centres are becoming outlying frontier regions.

Russia under Stalin becomes a great Central and North Asiatic Empire, pressing on Europe, pressing into China, pressing perhaps, in the near future, on the Islamic lands of South Asia.

Not (with allowance for the seven centuries gap) so unlike the Empire of Chingis—with a Georgian instead of a Tartar at its head.

Stalin, like Temujin, has taken a title. It is Vozhd Narodov: Leader of the Nations.

Not, you notice, Leader of the Workers. Leaders of the Nations. The man who chose that for himself has the Imperial mind. Can you imagine Lenin making such a choice: or indeed, taking any title at all?

The boasts of Stalin are not of social achievements or of the welfare of the masses.

They are of the size and strength of the Union: of the might of its arms: of its readiness to "break the necks of its enemies."

The flatteries of Stalin are fulsome and obsequious: nothing like them has been heard in Europe since Byzantium fell.

A strange and ironic sequel to a Marxist revolution.

But there it is! The Georgian Vozhd sits in the Kremlin, surrounded by his Viziers and his sycophants, proud of the vast extent of his domains and of his unquestioned mastery over millions, boasting of his great armies, threatening terrible war against any who defy his will: dreaming perhaps of new raids which shall force new European peoples to submit to an Asiatic overlord.

Not so completely unlike Chingis after all.

Will Poetry Survive the War?

SO far as I remember, none of us asked this question or had cause to ask it at the beginning of the last war, and there are many to whom it will seem superfluous now.

Surely poetry, being immortal as the air we breathe will survive the mortality of the battlefield as it has always survived it? And not only will it survive it but it will snatch newer glories in the process. That

tallons and mechanised arms has taught confidence that the giant of Bolshevism may be defied by a brave and resolute nation. There is no other safety for neutrals but common action against the aggressor.

Of no less significance are the demonstrations in the south and south-east of Europe. There also the menace of Hitlerism and Bolshevism is rousing the spirit of the neutrals and drawing them closer together. The splendid prolongation of the resistance of Finland to big bat-

was always the way of poetry, and it is likely to be the way again.

Those of us who were of reading age in 1914, remember the first appearance of those splendid sonnets written by a young poet, practically unknown outside his own circle, which Dean Inge quoted from the pulpit of St. Paul's and thus commended to the world at large. They were the precursors of many poems which proved that poetry was still a vital force in Britain. With that experience behind us, it is surely an impertinence to ask whether our poetry will survive the present conflict.

And yet I ask the question not only because the days are full of dangers which seem calculated to discourage poets from writing, but because in recent years it has been openly argued that poetry is essentially a thing of "the antique world," of which our modern habit of versifying is a survival—a toy out of fashion.

A Text for To-day.

Now let us see what truth there is in the first suggestion—that dark

days are a discouragement to the poet. Is there any?

Poetry, I can hear it said, is an inspiration, an effluence of sheer joy which needs happy moments for its nurture. It is quite true that much poetry has its source in delight and in the contemplation of the delightful, but is not the greatest poetry often that which is inspired by the terrible, the horrific or the tragic—the poetry which sets before us, as in an incandescent light, the beauty of suffering? What is common to all kinds of poetry worth the name is not so much delight as the excitement under which it is produced.

At the beginning of last century Britain found herself faced with the aggression of Napoleon and the menace of invasion, and Wordsworth, who nearly half a century later was appointed Poet Laureate, responded with those magnificent sonnets dedicated to National Independence and Liberty. In April, 1903, a month before we declared war upon Bonaparte, he contributed to the Morning Post these remarkable and now classic lines:—

It is not to be thought of that the Flood

Of British freedom, which, to the open sea

Of the world's praise, from dark antiquity

Flashed, "with pomp of waters, unwithstood,"

Troubled though it be full often to a mood

Which spurs the check of salutary bands,

That this most famous Stream in bogs and sands

Should perish; and to evil and to good

Be lost for ever. In our halls is hung

Armour of the invincible Knights of old;

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue

That Shakespeare spoke; the faith and morals he held

Which Milton held. In every thing we are sprung

Of Earth's first blood, have little manifold.

That sonnet might be our text to-day, and those with which Wordsworth followed it have passages in

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The War In China

JAPANESE START NEW DRIVE

While Chinese sources claim victories on the Southern Kwangsi front, the Japanese news agency, "Domei," announces that Japanese troops have commenced a fresh drive on the south bank of the Yangtze River above Wuhu towards an undisclosed objective.

It is reported that the drive was started by a powerful Japanese column at dawn on Monday. About 1,000 Chinese troops sought to bar the way, but they were repulsed.

Two separate columns of Japanese troops have also launched tactical movements in other directions. These fresh movements of Japanese forces are bringing additional pressure to bear on the large Chinese forces in the Yangtze area, extending from eastern Chongking, south of Taihu Lake, to Taiyuan, on the south-eastern border of Anhwei.

Chekiang Offensive
The second Japanese offensive in eastern Chekiang, launched on February 15, is also said by the Japanese to be nearing completion. It is claimed that the area east of the Puyang River is cleared of remnant Chinese troops.

"Crushing blows" have been dealt to the Chinese 100th and 102nd Divisions in a combined attack by the Japanese ground and air forces on the Chinese positions on the eastern bank of the Puyang River. Chinese reports state that fighting has resumed in the Shantung Peninsula. The Japanese have launched an offensive on Wenlung, south-west of Wenhaiwei, in several columns. One Japanese column was engaged by the Chinese south-east of Wenlung all day on Monday.

3 Months For Burglary

Stolen Property Is Seen In Street

Admitting charges of burglary and stealing from 124 Queen's Road East on Monday, Ying Lai-ming, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning. Det.-Sgt. Morrison said complainant was walking in the street yesterday when he saw a man carrying a bird cage which he recognised as part of the stolen property. On being questioned at the station, the man said he had bought it from Ying for one dollar.

Ying was later arrested and admitted the burglary. The stolen property, which included a vase valued at \$20, and 315 bottles of wood, were all recovered.

Preferential Treatment

Britons Deprived Of Privileges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TIENTSIN, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Japanese military spokesman announced this afternoon that German, Italian and Spanish troops will receive passes. There were altogether in Tientsin, including adults and children, 92 Italians, 401 Germans and 61 Spaniards, but only those giving good reasons will receive passes.

Asked why the British do not receive passes despite consular requests, the spokesman replied that only nationals not hostile to the Japanese will receive passes.

U.S. EMBARGO AND JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, scheduled to convene weekly, is meeting on Wednesday to resume discussions on proposals to impose an embargo on Japan.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will not be present at the discussion, nor will any other State Department official attend the meeting. Hence it is unlikely that there will be much progress. The Committee might, conceivably, act on Senator Gillette's Bill invoking the Neutrality Act to the Far East, though it is generally thought that the proposal will be pigeon-holed.

BODIES FOUND IN STREET

THE BODIES of two people, believed to be father and child, were discovered in Boundary Street, Kowloon, last night.

Both had died of small-pox. Police believe that the bodies were dumped in the street by other members of the family. Neither are as yet identified.

Banishment For Tree Wood Offence

Charged with unlawful possession of 50 cabbies of tree wood at Deepwater Bay yesterday, Chan Ping, 18, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony when he appeared before Mr. Houston at Central Magistracy this morning. Sgt. Estall prosecuted.



HELEN VINSON AND FRED PERRY

Helen Vinson To Divorce Perry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20 (UP).—Helen Vinson has filed a petition for divorce from her tennis-player husband, Fred Perry.

This is the third suit for divorce she has instituted against Perry, the previous two being dropped.

She alleged on the former occasions that Perry was extremely cruel. "He curses me frequently," the film star alleged in her petition. Perry, three Wimbledon champion married Helen Vinson in 1935, after he had helped Britain retain the Davis Cup for another year. After a tour of Australia the couple—Perry is nine months older than his wife—settled in Hollywood, where Helen continued to make films.

FINNS MAY SET UP NEW DEFENCE LINE BEHIND THREATENED CITY

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Ladoga have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Several important positions previously gained by the Russians on the Kuhmo front have been regained. The Russians are attacking vigorously in the Lake Muola sector, which is in the centre of the Mannerheim Line.

A Russian detachment attempting to cross the frozen surface of Lake Ladoga was wiped out by fire from Finnish coastal batteries, which either killed the men outright or plunged them into the freezing waters after smashing up the frozen surface.

The Russians sustained further heavy losses when they were repulsed in the Taipale sector.

Destruction Of Viborg
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINGFORS, Feb. 21 (UP).—If the present rate of destruction continues, Viborg will be a city of ruins when and if it is entered by the Red Army.

It has been subjected now to over three weeks continuous aerial and artillery bombardment. Russian bombers filled the sky over the war-torn city throughout today as they subjected it to continuous raids.

Anti-aircraft guns succeeded in bringing down six of the Red machines. Air raid alarms were general throughout the entire country today.

Aid Recommended
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Direct and immediate military aid for Finland was urged today by General Sir Hubert Gough, famed Commander of the 5th Army Division in the Great War.

General Gough was writing in the "Evening Star." "We are mistress of the seas and we must make Norway and Sweden realise that their own existence is at stake," he declared. "In rescuing Finland, we would rescue Norway and Sweden."

Soviet Raid Communiqué
MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that Soviet aviation has successfully raided enemy troops and military objectives. Forty-seven enemy planes were brought down in air combats.

All B.E.F. To Have Leave

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—All original members of the B.E.F. are expected to have had leave by the middle of March.

Announcing this in the House of Commons today, Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, said that arrangements are now rapidly being made. He also said that 17,500 rankers have been recommended for commissions and that 10,000 of these are now with the Officers' Training Centres.

S.A. Minister Sees The B.E.F.

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The South African minister to Paris is present visiting the B.E.F.

Our Embassy In China

Questions Asked In House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. R. De La Bère asked whether, since the Russian and American Embassies in China enjoyed a favourable geographic proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government, and so had easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations, the Prime Minister would consider moving the British Embassy to an equally favourable geographical position.

In Touch With Chungking
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that while the Ambassador's headquarters were in Shanghai he frequently visited Chungking and was in fact now there.

When he was not in Chungking, contact was maintained with the National Government through the offices of the Embassy which were in the charge of a senior member of the Embassy Staff. These arrangements were found most convenient in practice for maintaining touch with British interests in different parts of China.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, did not consider a modification was called for at present.

Special Police Force For Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—More than 1,200 men will comprise the Special Police Force which is to resume exclusive authority in the Chinese Bund area, according to the "China Press," which adds that such a large number is required because the Force will police also the enclaves between the thoroughfares.

The newspaper states that the personnel will be made up predominantly of candidates nominated by the Japanese-sponsored special municipality and that no more than 10 per cent of the force will be appointed from candidates nominated by the Municipal Council.

NAZI STEAMERS READY TO DASH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—A message from Tampico, Mexico, states that German freighters, the Idarwalk and Phryia, are loading cargo and fueling.

It is thought that they intend to attempt to run the British blockade despite the failure of recent attempts by German ships to return to Germany.

A Russian freighter, Kim, has arrived at Manzanillo, another Mexican port, from San Francisco and has begun loading a cargo of 12,000 tons of copper and lead. This cargo is believed to be consigned to Germany.

REDS EXPELLED IN PARIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Feb. 21, (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies has voted unanimously in favour of the Bill expelling Communists from the Chamber.

As a result, sixty members of the Chamber are now ousted from their seats.

Seven others escaped expulsion on the grounds that there was no clear case against them.

However, it has been decided that they will receive double punishment if they are later discovered to be actively trafficking with the Communists.

RE-OPENING OF NANTAO

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—According to the "China Press," French Concession and International Settlements trams and buses will be permitted to resume services in Nantao after formal re-opening to the general public on March 1 when no more passes will be required of those entering the area.

The Japanese authorities are reported to have expressed the hope that conditions in Nantao will thus be restored to the pre-war level through the resumption of public utility facilities.

GERMANY'S THREAT TO SWEDEN

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and that they can only be interned if they touch land.

Norway Has Not Yielded
OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—The Norwegian Government has not yielded to pressure from any side, declared M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

M. Koht added that in this case, as in all others, the Norwegian Government had striven only to comply with international law. He maintained that the Altmark must be regarded as a warship and, therefore, had the right to be refused to be searched.

INCREASED PENSIONS

Aged And Widows To Benefit

LONDON, Feb. 20 (British Wireless).—Moving the second reading of the Old Age and Widows Pensions Bill, the Health Minister said that in spite of much that divided the Government from the Opposition and the many hard words which would be said, he felt that both shared a certain pride in being members of a legislature which had not been wholly diverted from its own task by the necessities of war.

Costs £100,000,000
Continuing, Mr. Elliot said that the number of persons benefiting had risen from half a million when the first Act was passed to three million today; while the original cost of the Old Age Pensions had been about £7,000,000, to-day it was roughly £100,000,000.

Although a proportion of this figure was covered by contributions, taxation provided £65,000,000. Recent events showed an almost universal desire to better the condition of older people, as was evidenced by a number of local authorities of all political parties, which had begun to make grants out of the rates to old age pensioners.

The Bill, the Minister said, proceeded upon two principles—first, improvement to be made in the general pensions scheme; second, responsibility for pensioners to be assumed by the state and no longer to be shouldered by local authorities.

Dealing with the Bill in detail, Mr. Elliot showed that the new proposals would cost an additional £80,000,000.

U.S.-Japan Trade Decline

But Exports To China Show Big Increase

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Department of Commerce today reported that United States exports to Japan in 1939 dropped by \$8,257,000 below those of 1938, but that the loss was more than offset by the \$21,990,000 gain in exports to China. American imports of Japanese goods were \$161,190,000 last year, compared with \$126,702,000 in 1938. Exports to Japan were \$231,405,000 compared with \$239,002,000.

The decline in United States exports occurred in raw cotton, petroleum products, automotive products, aircraft and parts. Exports to China in 1939 totalled \$55,000,000 compared with \$34,719,000 in 1938.

NAZIS BETRAY UKRAINIANS

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—According to the French radio a Polish broadcast states that the German authorities have handed over to the Soviet a number of Ukrainian Nationalist leaders in accordance with the Soviet-German agreement. Among those sent to Russia are members of the Ukrainian Legion, formed some years ago, and which was originally directed against Soviet Russia.

Some of those handed over have already been shot by the Soviet.

SPANISH CIVIL WAR TOLL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MADRID, Feb. 20 (UP).—It was revealed today by General Bermudez de Castro, in the course of a signed article, that no less than 77,000 Nationalist soldiers were killed or died during the Spanish Civil War. Of these 70,000 perished on the battlefields and a further 7,000 died through illness.

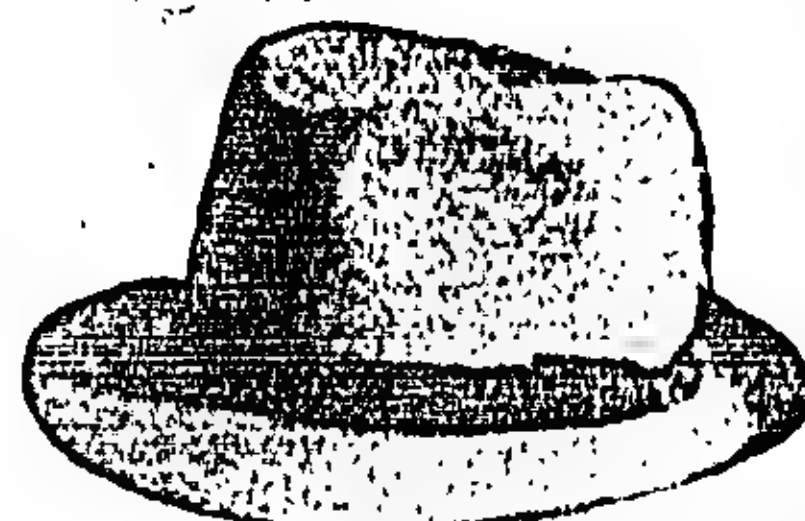
He also revealed that 750,000 people, including soldiers and non-combatants were sent to hospital for treatment during the course of the war.

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WESTERN FRONT

Marched Into Nazi Lines

How French Patrol Was Ambushed

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Further details of the ambush in which 20 French soldiers were killed on Monday shows that it occurred when two lorries, packed with troops to relieve others in the Front Line, drove by mistake across No-man's-land into the German line.

The German outposts commanding that road raked the lorries with machine-gun fire and threw hand-grenades at them.

Great Thaw Sets In

The great thaw has now set in at the Front reducing everything to mud and water; hence operations are few and the sectors are generally calm with the exception of the Rhine sector where sporadic exchange of fire has taken place between basements.

Two German raids in other sectors which were made without trench mortar or artillery preparation were repulsed with ease.

It is announced in French Naval circles that British and French naval vessels were attacked yesterday afternoon by several submarines but it is not possible to say with what result.

"Pravda" Attacks The Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Domei).—For the first time since the signing of the Russo-German Pact, sharp criticism of Germany has appeared in "Pravda", official organ of the Soviet Communist Party.

"Pravda" to-day bitterly assails the German newspaper "Nacht Ausgabe" for its reports that Soviet Russia entertains territorial ambitions on Norway. "The editor of this newspaper totally ignores the recent improvement in German-Soviet relations," says "Pravda."

I.R.A. POLICY ATTACKED

DUBLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Leader of the Opposition in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, attacked the activities of the I.R.A. in a speech to his party. The I.R.A. policy, he said, would only bring dishonour to Ireland and make the solution of the partition problem more difficult. At no time had it less claim than at present to the support of the Irish people, he said.

Inspects Aussie Forces

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lieut. General Sir Archibald Wavell, British C-in-C. in the Middle East, has arrived in Palestine from Egypt to inspect the Australian troops. He will be in command of the British troops in Palestine for several months.

Polish Airmen Reviewed LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—At an R.A.F. station to-day Polish airmen were inspected by the C-in-C. of the Polish Air Force.

Death Of Mayor Of Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The death has occurred of the Mayor of Tokyo. Minister of Communications in the Hirota Cabinet of 1936-7, he was for many years a leading member of the Minseito Party.

Anti-Communist Measure

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Belgian Government yesterday introduced an anti-Communist Bill to deal with Communist propaganda which is financed from outside Belgium.

PREMIER ON THE ALTMARK EPISODE

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bility that Norway is being black-mailed by Germany into a position hostile to the Allies." The "Free Press Journal" says: "The case for Norway lost all its strength when Norwegian officers reported that there were no prisoners aboard the Altmark. It was Churchill who had to decide. He left the law to lawyers and ordered his sailors to board the Altmark. This they did—and with spectacular success."

The Nationalist Press of New Delhi regards Norway's inability to prevent prisoners from being carried to Germany through her territorial waters as the real justification for the British violation of her neutrality. Thus the newspaper, "National Call," writes: "The Norwegian protest is much of its point owing to the manner in which the Norwegian Government allowed the Altmark to use its waters without a careful investigation."

All the papers quoted are Nationalist papers.

American Press Reactions LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The following comments on the Altmark incident have been made by American papers:

"World Telegram": "Friday's coup was justified on moral if not on technical grounds. The Altmark was certainly no merchantman. It was a naval auxiliary and a prison ship for the Graf Spee."

"New York Sun": "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. The Norwegian official accepted the word of the German Commander. Germany violated Norwegian neutrality."

"Boston Herald": "The attitude of Americans is probably identical with that of the British Government."

"Herald Tribune": "The most important Russian product for Germany, Soviet oil, appears to be largely problematical not only because of the lack of transportation but also because the Soviet petroleum industry has not kept up with the domestic consumption."

Turkish Comment The following comments are made by Turkish papers:

"Dus": "The British action in freeing prisoners wandering months under oppressive conditions is not only legally right but a humane duty."

"Hurriyet": "The fact that the Anzies travelled 10,000 miles without loss proves the complete naval supremacy of Britain."

The Danish paper, "National Tidende," says: "It would be hypocritical if we here in Denmark pretended that we cannot sympathize with the British Navy's motives in taking action."

The Dutch paper "Telegraaf," says: "Norway herself was to blame in the first instance. Norway is the heaviest responsibility. Slackness only increases the dangers for neutrals."

The Swiss paper, "Derbund," says: "Germany recently boasted that she dominated the North Sea. The British Navy has taken action and given an answer that will ring throughout the world."

He Was Lucky LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the German wireless admission that the captain of the Altmark tried to ram the destroyer Cossack, an authoritative statement recalls the execution of Captain Fryatt during the last war by the Germans on a charge of having rammed a German submarine.

The statement adds that, by German canons, the captain of the Altmark was lucky to have escaped a similar fate.

"Brutal Attack" BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—"Mr. Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons proves that the main purpose of the brutal attack on the Altmark was a political one," says the official German news agency.

"After committing a wanton violation of Norway's neutrality, Britain is striving to manoeuvre the country away from her policy of neutrality."

"Mr. Chamberlain's reprimand of the Norwegian Navy proves beyond doubt that England is now openly demanding assistance from neutrals since she realises that without this aid, she is bound to lose the war."

Holland Approves AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Mr. Neville Chamberlain's speech in the House of Commons on the Altmark incident is approved in the main by Dutch political circles.

The reasons for the action taken by the British warship are fully appreciated, though what is held to be violation of Norway's rights cannot, it is felt, be excused. The "action" of Norway, however, is considered to be a dangerous attitude for any country to pursue pursuing a course of strict neutrality.

LEADING OWNERS

The following is the list of owners and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	6	2	—
Lucky	3	—	—
L. Dunbar	2	3	3
Lan	2	2	1
Eve	2	1	—
Mrs. J. H. Tugart	1	1	—
J. F. Macgregor	1	1	—
Quartermaster	1	1	—
Yly	1	1	—
H. Leigh	1	1	—
S. M. K.	1	1	—
Mrs. A. E. Grasett	1	1	—
Diamond	1	1	—
Lee Bros	1	1	—
Yick Chim	1	1	—
E. S. K.	1	1	—
Fun	1	1	—
G. Trevett	1	1	—
Brooke and Grenfell	1	1	—
Gredka	1	1	—
Neehlindia	1	1	—
Li Shiu-chun	1	1	—
Unicorn	1	1	—
Marber	3	—	—
Mrs. Stanton	2	—	—
C. W. K.	2	—	—
Li Shiu-lung	2	—	—
Tung Man-wa	1	1	—
S. W. Lee	1	1	—
Dr. S. N. Chui	1	1	—
S. L. K.	1	1	—
T. K. L.	1	1	—
J. H. Jessen	1	1	—
John Peel	1	1	—
Kin On	1	1	—
Y. H.	1	2	—
Coca	1	2	—
S. T. Williamson	1	1	—
Mrs. Dunbar	1	1	—
Lady Northcote	1	1	—
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	1	1	—
Vilija	1	1	—
Eu Tong-sen	1	1	—
J. G. Whitaker	1	1	—
T. J. E.	1	1	—
L. W. S.	1	1	—

LEADING JOCKEYS

The following is the list of jockeys and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	6	—	—	—
P. Y. T. Wei	4	5	1	15
D. Black	4	4	3	12
H. C. Pih	3	3	3	16
H. J. A. Heurne	3	3	2	12
V. V. Needa	2	2	4	12
E. E. Engracano	2	1	4	14
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	8
C. P. Lam	1	3	—	12
F. Marshall	1	2	2	7
B. A. Proulx	1	2	2	3
W. H. S. Davis	1	2	—	3
S. W. Pan	1	1	1	14
B. L. Tiao	1	1	—	3
Tung Man-wa	1	1	—	3
Ip Kuei-ying	1	1	—	10
H. M. Botelho	1	1	—	10
Ho Hung-pong	1	1	—	1
H. J. Cowie	1	1	—	1
S. Judah	1	1	—	1
G. Trevett	1	1	—	1
K. W. Fung	1	1	—	1
Young Wing-kwai	1	1	—	1
C. L. Gregory	1	1	—	2
S. W. Tang	1	1	—	3
R. M. Wood	1	1	—	3
Ho Hong-ping	1	1	—	3
C. F. Chiu	1	1	—	6
L. H. Howell	1	1	—	6
Hoo Pak-ming	1	1	—	9
S. L. Yuen	1	1	—	13
W. G. Poy	1	1	—	17

Churchill Cheered

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—When Mr. Winston Churchill took his seat in the House of Commons to-day he was greeted with cheers.

man abuses of Norwegian territorial waters. It is felt that the Altmark incident has thrown a searchlight upon the German use of these waters.

It is declared that so long as these waters are used as artificial protection for the evasion of Allied control for acts of piracy, then the British or French navies will take whatever measures are necessary to defend their interests which are being injured by the passivity of the Norwegian authorities.

Altmark Skipper's Broadcast BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Captain Dau of the Altmark, speaking on the German official wireless, said that the Altmark at present is resting with her stern on the shore. Her rudder is broken and one propeller damaged.

"We shall try to free the ship and then consider what to do," he said. Describing the boarding of the Altmark, Captain Dau said, "I managed the Altmark in such a way that she had to run on the rocks in order to make it impossible for the English to catch her and go away with her."

He admitted that there were a few pistols aboard but asserted that they were never used.

WILL POETRY SURVIVE THE WAR?

(Continued from Page 6.)

them which interpret nearly all our hopes and fears.

Soldier Poets

In 1914 something like the same response was made to the German challenge by a poet of the older school when, on August 6, William Watson published his sonnet "To the Troubler of the World," and in the months that followed wrote a series of poems on contemporary events, among them the resounding lines in which he acknowledged the offer of help made by the Indian Princes to the King-Emperor.

But though Watson's poetry will find an echo in British hearts to-day, as Wordsworth's does, it was poetry which seemed to mark the end of a tradition, and the new experience of a nation-in-arms was voiced not by Watson but the numerous soldier-poets who arose.

Brooke and Grenfell, Sorley and Owen fell in the conflict, but others like Nichols and Sassoon survived it. The note at first was jubilant and romantic, but as the war dragged on, it changed to one of cynicism and irony, and it is this note which has been uppermost in the poetry of recent years.

But the irony and the disillusion which inform much modern verse are, to some extent, a fashion, and they have not prevented poetry of a different kind from being written. Some of the finest poetry of the war, of de la Mare, and of Davies belongs to the post-war years. Our poetry survived the last war and will survive this one, if its survival is merely a question of finding material to inspire it.

The Innovators

But there remains the other question—whether, in the modern world, poetry is denude, whether human nature has so changed that it no longer responds to the stimulus which poetry provides, whether it is unmoved by rhythmical utterance, undelighted by the jingling sound of like endings, unexcited by the rapture of the poet's vision.

Rhyme is, of course, no essential part of poetry, and there has been a tendency in recent times to abandon rhythm, which is at least an intrinsic part of verse and is perhaps essential to poetry as our civilisation understands it. But, indeed, the attempt to depart from rhythm has already practically exhausted itself. Besides being naturally allied to emotion, it is rhythm which helps to render utterance memorable. And we shall need memorable utterance in these epic days.

Modern warfare may not, as it once did, "shine with the sudden making of splendid names," but the struggle itself is titanic—

A Rome and Carthage war once more. And wider empires are the prize. I shall be astonished if our civilisation has yet sunk so low as not to demand its poets, for it is poetry which gives life significance. C. G.

Russia Buys War Needs From America

Striking Figures

New York, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The disclosure that strategic materials and machinery essential for war industries constituted almost 90 per cent. of Russian purchases from the United States since the outbreak of the war in Europe was made by the Department of Commerce, according to a "Dow Jones" Washington telegram.

Special analysis shows that exports to Russia for the five months ending January 31 totalled \$30,000,000 of which \$33,000,000 constituted war essentials.

Virtually all January's exports to Russia were copper and metal-workings, valued at \$11,313,000 compared with exports of January last year totalling \$1,757,000.

British Warships Off Finland

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—According to a Rome despatch, the Italian Press reports the presence of British cruisers near Petsamo, near which German ships enter the long passage of Norwegian waters.

It is stated that Germany has forced the Allies to consider these waters in a special light.

The "Avvenire," commenting upon the report, asks: "What are the intentions of the British Admiralty?"

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1890.

We are informed that the Committee appointed to arrange for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall have submitted the proposed programme by telegram. One of the functions planned is the laying of a Praya Reclamation foundation stone.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1915.

The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club versus the Civil Servants on the Club ground on Saturday February 21—play will commence at 2 p.m.—Messrs. R. Hancock (Captain), E. S. Anderson, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Grace, R. Kennedy, M. M. Maas, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, T. E. Peare, H. H. Taylor and A. N. Oiler.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1930.

Whatever the political leanings of the majority of Hongkong's business men may be, we do not imagine that very many of them are likely to embrace over Lord Howe's idea of bringing the Mother Country and the Crown Colonies together as one unit under a fiscal system which he prefers to describe as Empire Free Trade.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1935.

The expectation that Chinese and Japanese clashes would now be permanently terminated, expressed by the Japanese Ambassador, the Japanese soldier who has had a brilliant career in Manchuria, and who recently aired his views on the subject of Sino-Japanese relations in Shanghai, has favourably impressed the United States.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February

On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The fifth interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 2794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. on the FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No animals will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate in the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

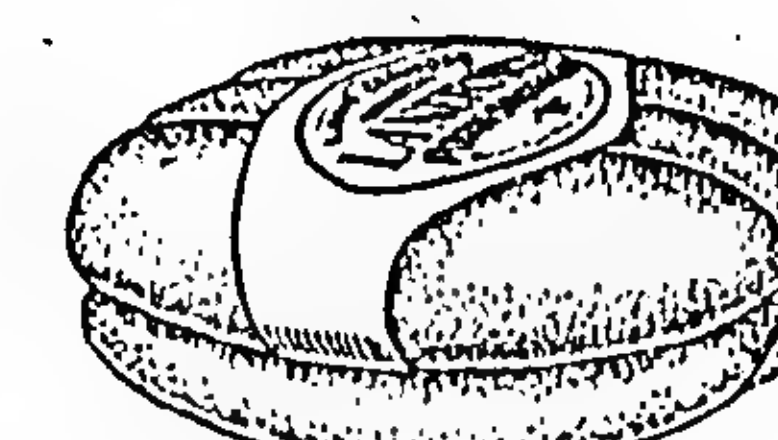
Times will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order, C. D. BROWN, Secretary. Hongkong, 11th February, 1940.

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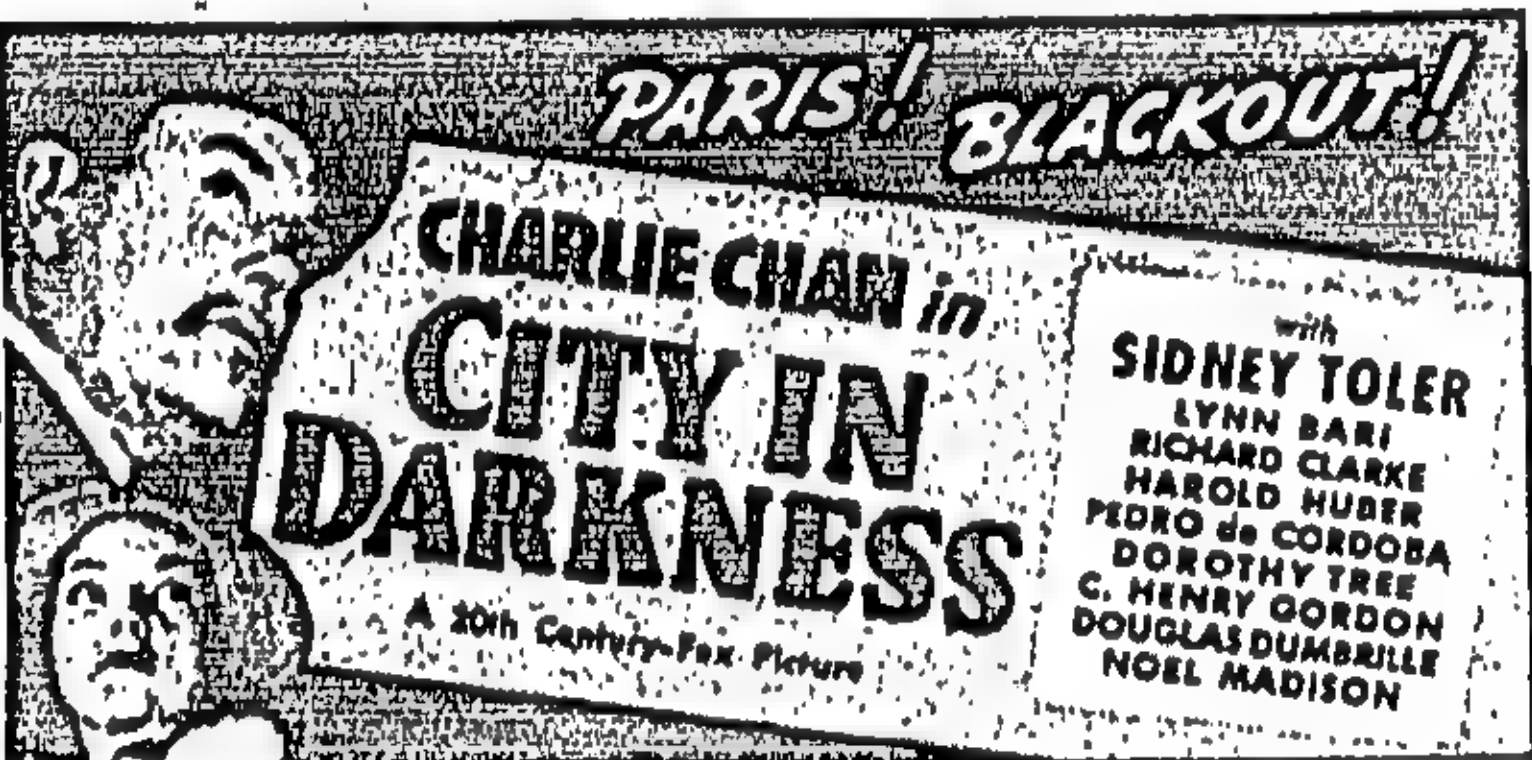
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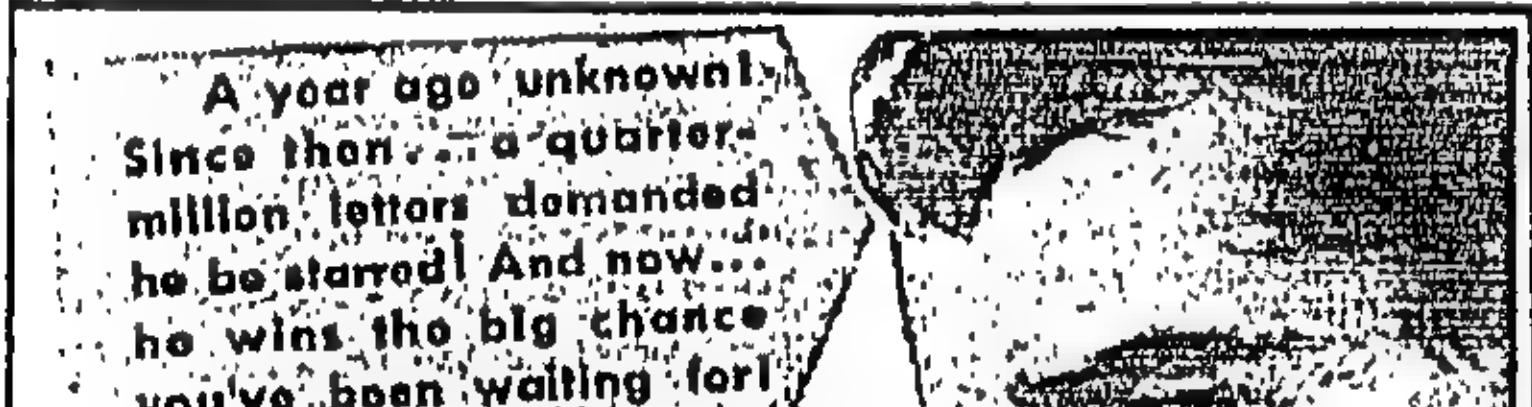
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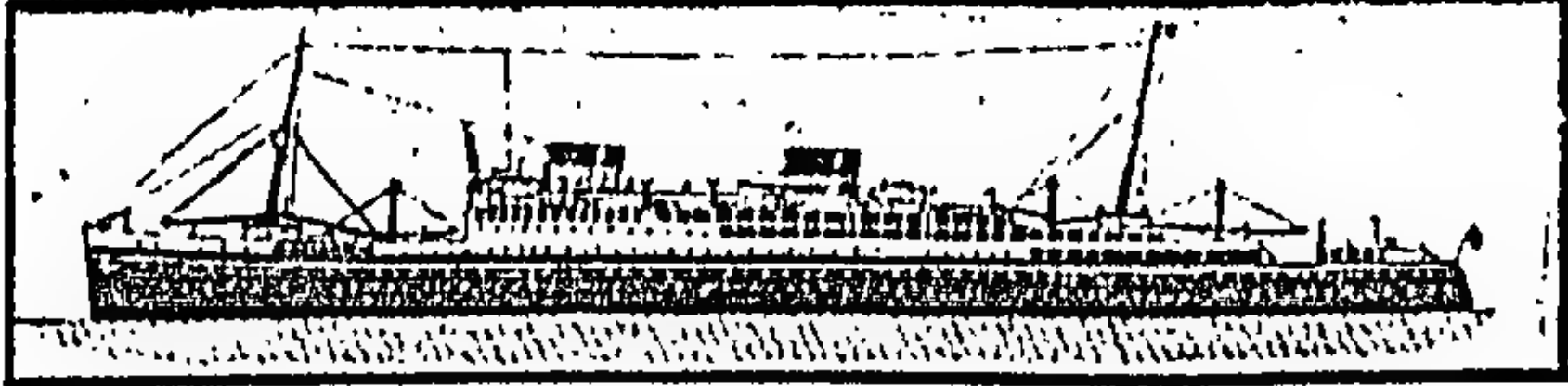
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THE BRITANNIC

Threat To Bomb Cunard Liner In N. Y. Harbour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—A threat has been issued to bomb the famous White Star liner Britannic. As a result a guard has been posted on the vessel, following a fruitless search by 20 detectives to-day, following receipt of a telephonic message warning that an attempt would be made to destroy the liner. The Britannic arrived in New York from Liverpool on Monday.

LATE NEWS

NEUTRALS WARNED

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—According to the Copenhagen Correspondent of the "Daily Express," Germany is expected to inform the Scandinavian countries, Holland and Belgium that they must stop trading with the Allies or else face unrestricted U-Boat warfare and "military action."

Soviet Advance Checked?

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Military advances received in Helsingfors state that three Soviet divisions north of Lake Ladoga are in difficulties, thanks to the fast-moving Finnish patrols. As a result, the Red attempt to outflank the Mannerheim Line in the northern sector has been halted. The Red divisions are the 4th, the 6th and the 16th. It will be recalled that the Red's 18th Division was wiped out in this sector early this month. The 6th Division is now the hardest pressed and unofficial reports claim that it has been virtually destroyed. The 6th and 16th divisions between them are said to have lost 37,000 men killed or captured. Field Marshal Mannerheim himself is personally directing these operations.

Japan Settles U.S. Disputes

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Foreign Office spokesman announces the settlement of 10 American protests. Ten have been settled in Tokyo and nine on the spot. The cases resulted from the occupation and damage to American property, the majority occurring in the Shanghai area.

U.S. Mediation Welcomed

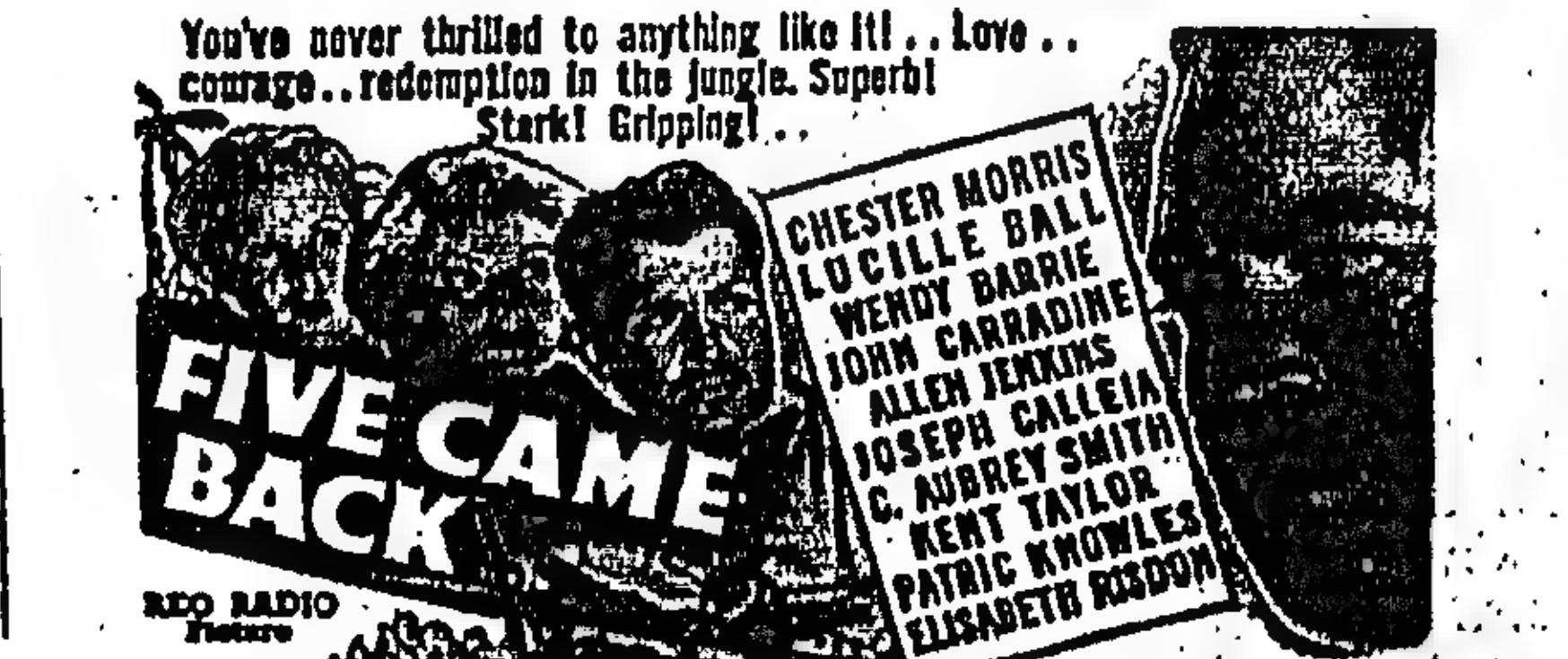
LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—According to the Tokyo Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," the Japanese military spokesman said yesterday that any American help in effecting a settlement of the Sino-Japanese "incident" would be welcomed by Japan if it was carried out so as not to arouse misunderstanding in Japan.

Adrift Five Days

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—After being adrift for five days in a crippled motor-boat, eleven survivors of the crew of 24 of the Norwegian steamer Teenstad (?) landed yesterday on an island off the west coast of Eire. Thirteen members of the crew are believed to be missing or drowned. The steamer was torpedoed off the west coast of Eire on February 15.



TO-DAY & TO-MORROW



FRIDAY, "SOCIETY LAWYER" MGM Picture VIRGINIA BRUCE - WALTER PIDGEON

1163 WAS A LUCKY NUMBER

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place in the Hopeful Stakes, first event after the fifth adjournment, in the comparatively slow time of 2.24s, with Fox All Time third five lengths behind. Pari-mutuel dividends in the event gave only nominal ten cent profit on a \$5 investment.

Drizzle Sets In

Shortly after the end of the fifth adjournment a heavy drizzle set in, driving race-goers to seek shelter in the grand-stands and boxes.

The rainy conditions have further eased the track.

New Record

The fourth day's racing at the Valley opened to-day in drizzling weather, with an attendance much smaller than that of preceding days. The track was soft as a result of last night's rain, and it was not anticipated that the five records already set up at this meeting would be bettered.

Nevertheless, Mount Hope Bay opened the day's racing by setting up a new six furlong record in the Grandstand Stakes by entering home six lengths ahead of Fox of Foily to win by six lengths in 1.21.2, clipping 2 1/4 seconds off the previous record held by Rose Elect.

With two more days racing in the Annual Meeting to be considered, it appears possible that a new record may be set up—a record number of records!

Five record times had already been set since Saturday and another old record had been equalled, before to-day's racing.

Entries from the Moller stable have run away with most of the records of this meeting. Racylight set a new time of 1.04.2 for the event from the 1 1/2 Mile post on Monday and this time was bettered yesterday by Spiclight, who did the distance in 1.02.4.

Altogether, the Moller stable claims four of the six new records, one of them being the Derby.

A comparison of the records set at the 1939 and current Annual Meetings is interesting:

1939
Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.23.4 by Rose Elect
China Stakes (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.05 by Desert Chief
Wong Nei-chong Stakes (1/2 mile) 55.3 by Portrush
Hongkong Derby (1 1/2 miles) 2.55.2 by Rose Elect
1940
Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.22.4 by Spiclight
Sydney Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.10.2 (record equalled) by Far View
Lustino Cup (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.04.3 by Racylight
Hongkong Derby (1 1/2 miles) 2.55.2 by Spiclight
China Cup (From 1 1/2 mile post) 1.02.4 by Spiclight, (bettered Racylight's time in Lustino Cup)
Rooty Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup 2.41.4 by Far View

1.—12.00 NOON—GRAND STAND STAKES—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide 3 years old. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
L. Dunbar's MOUNT HOPE BAY 101 lb. 1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's CRAIGAVAN 101 lb. 1
Eve's EVE OF FOLLY 101 lb. 2
Nine Starters.
Won by six lengths; many lengths.
Time—1.21.2.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$50.00. Places \$20.00; \$10.00; \$5.00.

2.—12.30 P.M.—BOOCHOW HANDICAP—(First Section)—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, bona fide 3 years old. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
Cal's NATIONAL PRIDE 138 lb. 1
S. W. Lee's BOOLAT DAY 101 lb. 2
Billy's ROSE QUEEN 101 lb. 3
Twelve Starters.
Won by short head; two lengths.
Time—1.27.3.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$100.00. Places \$20.00; \$10.00; \$5.00.

3.—1.00 P.M.—LADIES' PURSE—Presented with \$750 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. A Handicap for Australian Subscription Ponies classified "B" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Winners at this Meeting barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One Mile (About 7 Furlongs 40 Yards).
L.T.F.'s AJAX 144 lb. 1
Ellandee's HAPPY LANDINGS 145 lb. 1
Jessen's PUMPERNICKEL 155 lb. 3
Twelve Starters.
Won by short head; the same.
Time—1.30.1.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$201.20; \$50.00; \$13.20; \$2.20.

4.—1.30 P.M.—JOCKEY CUP—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. A Cup valued \$100 will be presented to the winning Jockey. A Handicap for China Ponies classified "E" Class as at 31st December, 1939. To be ridden by jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.
Sunnyside's BOGEY 140 lb. 1
Mrs. Hall's GOG 101 lb. 1
Helenoid's VALOROUS 101 lb. 3
Fifteen Starters.
Won by four lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.
Time—2.02.2.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$51.00. Places \$13.20; \$3.50; \$1.2.

5.—3.00 P.M.—HOPEFUL STAKES—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$250. For China Ponies, bona fide 3 years old. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners of one race, 5 lb.; of two more races, 7 lb.; penalty, Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.
Circ's RACYLIGHT 104 lb. 1
Marber's ORTHIER 101 lb. 1
Li Po-chun's FOR ALL TIME 101 lb. 3
Dead Heat.
Won by dead heat; five lengths.
Time—2.55.4.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$5.10. Places \$3.10; \$2.20.

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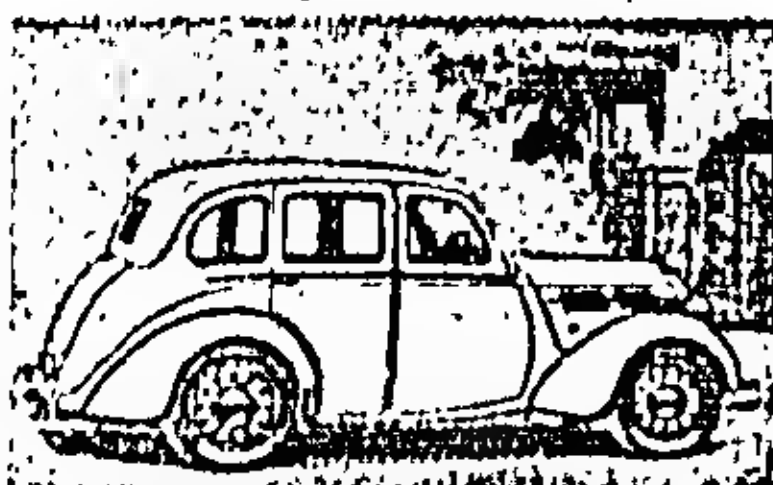
MATINEES: 20c-30c. EVENINGS: 20c-30c-50c-70c.

DUTCH DEFENCE BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Domel).—The Netherlands Government to-day presented an additional military budget amounting to 40,000,000 guilders to the Diet. The estimates include 25,000,000 guilders for air defence, 15,000,000 guilders for the construction of aircraft including pursuit planes and 2,000,000 for the navy.

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Red Capture of Koivisto Fortresses Paves Way to Capture of Viborg: Second Largest City is Threatened with Complete Destruction FINNS MAY SET UP NEW DEFENCE LINE BEHIND THREATENED CITY

Fall of Viborg May Be Disaster For Defenders, Experts Believe

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, FEB. 21 (UP).—IN VIEW OF THE STRATEGIC SITUATION IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THE FINNS WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE ANY MAJOR EFFORT TO DEFEND THEIR SECOND LARGEST CITY, VIBORG.

KOIVISTO FORTS FALL TO REDS

LONDON, Feb. 21 (UP).—Radio-Moscow officially announces that the Russian forces which broke through the Mannerheim Line south of Summa have captured the city and fortress of Koivisto.
Koivisto is the gateway to Viborg (Viipuri), second largest city in Finland.
The fortresses guard the sea entrance to Viborg which, if the Russian claim is substantiated, is now seriously compromised.

Fighting has been on a tremendous scale, the desperate Finns contesting every inch of ground.
The Russians are using their mechanized units to considerable effect and, in addition, are attacking the Finnish positions from the air on a scale that makes previous aerial offensives in world history child's play.
The Finnish air force, inadequate as it is to take off for aerial combat with overwhelming numbers of Russian machines, is giving battle wherever possible in an effort to stem the Russian bombing and strafing raids.
The Russians claim that 47 Finnish pursuit planes were brought down in aerial combat during yesterday.

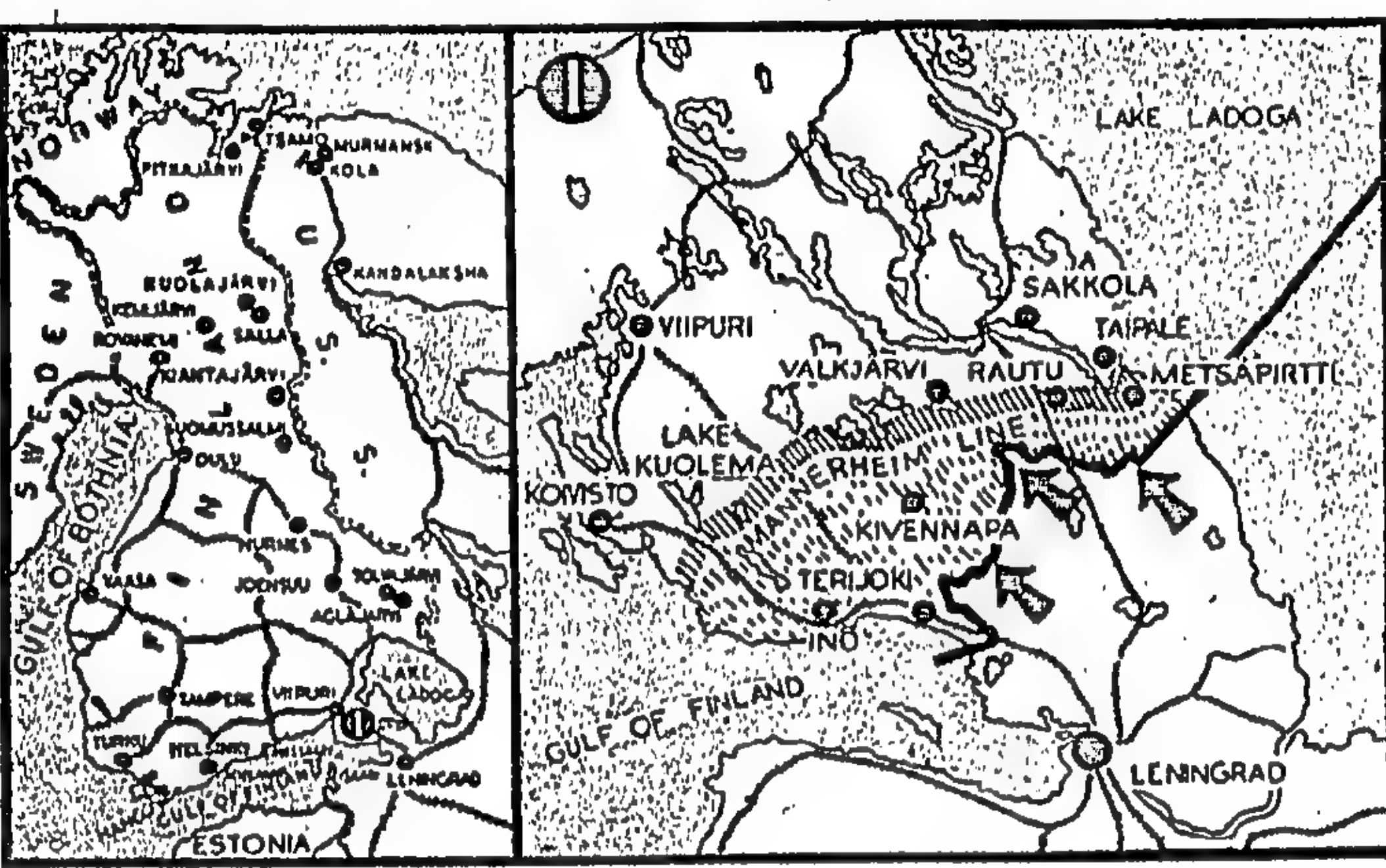
Unequal Contests
The Russian communists state that the retreating Finns have been forced to abandon large quantities of war materials.
To-day's Finnish communistic remnant silent on the threat to Viborg, but claiming elsewhere on the isthmus front the Russians are being held.

Finnish Communiqué
An official communiqué states that the attacks between the Gulf of Finland and Moulhacervi were repulsed.
In the east of the Karelian Isthmus the enemy attempted to advance on Lake Savanto towards Vuosaari but he was stopped on the ice and retired after suffering heavy losses, states the communiqué.
The Finnish troops on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga continued to mop up the enemy positions and beat off all the Soviet counter-attacks.

Russian Positions Captured
The Finns captured several Russian positions at Kuusmo.
The Finnish coastal batteries dispersed an enemy detachment which, supported by tanks, tried to advance on Lake Ladoga. The enemy lost 200 men.
The Finnish coastal batteries on the north-east side of Lake Ladoga destroyed the heavy Soviet artillery. The Finnish air forces continued to attack columns of men and troop concentrations and carried out successfully many bombing flights. There were several air battles.

Six Planes Brought Down
Russian Air Force activity continued on a big scale, several small villages being bombed but so far only seven people are reported killed and six wounded.
Six Russian planes were certainly brought down. The loss of six others has been reported but not yet confirmed.

No Pressure
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
OSLO, Feb. 20 (UP).—Denying that the Norwegian Government had acted with pressure from any side in the Altmärk affair, M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, in a statement in reply to Mr. Chamberlain, said that the Norwegian Government recognized the Altmärk as a warship and, as such, the vessel could not be searched.
Furthermore, M. Koht quoted British text books, which he claimed, showed that prisoners may be transported inside neutral territorial waters.



London Hears Shrapnel Bursts Overhead:

Ships Subjected to Intensive Strafing

NAZI BOMBERS SWEEP ON ENGLISH COAST

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, FEB. 20 (UP).—GERMAN WAR PLANES SWEEP OVER THE EAST AND NORTHEAST COASTS OF ENGLAND TO-DAY SEEKING TO ATTACK SHIPPING AS A MEASURE OF REVENGE FOR THE SUCCESSFUL BRITISH ACTION AGAINST THE ALTMARK.
SHIPS OFF THE NORFOLK, NORTHUMBERLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE AND SUFFOLK COASTS WERE SUBJECTED TO INTENSIVE RAIDS THIS AFTERNOON, THE MINIATURE 'BLITZKRIEG' INAUGURATING A FRESH ONSLAUGHT ON BRITISH COASTAL SHIPPING.

According to German claims, the Nazi planes also carried out reconnaissance flights over the Scottish coast as far north as the Shetlands.

GERMAN CLAIMS

It is claimed by Berlin that two British minelayers and one merchant ship were sunk, but no confirmation of this can be obtained in British official circles.
The Germans also say that their entire fleet of planes returned safely to bases.

The London area, too, it is officially stated by the Air Ministry, was subjected to an enemy attack which lasted about a quarter of an hour.
The air raid warnings were sounded and anti-aircraft fire was heard.

The City of London, however, was neither disturbed by raid alarms nor the sound of anti-aircraft gunnery.
There seems little doubt that the Nazi planes scored some measure of success on shipping along the east coast.

Lifeboats were launched from Norfolk after a report had been received that steamers were being bombed by planes 30 miles off the coast.

S.O.S. Picked Up
An S.O.S. from one of the attacked vessels was picked up by radio listeners along the Norfolk coast.

Residents along the southeast coast of Essex heard the rattle of machine-gun fire, and it is believed that it was the sound of raiders strafing one of the ships under attack.
Air raid warnings sounded throughout southeast Essex, and the all-clear was not given until 30 minutes later.
A message from The Hague says that it has been officially announced that a German warplane was sighted above the town of Leeuwarden this afternoon.
Dutch aeroplanes ascended and pursued the German machine. They fired at the interloper which fled in the direction of Germany.
Heavy U-Boat Toll
The serious toll which German mines, submarines and planes have taken during the past week is revealed.

GERMANS CROSS THE PACIFIC

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Feb. 20 (Reuters).—The Japanese steamer, Helyo Maru, sailed last night with 80 or 40 German seamen on board.
Most of these German seamen were formerly employed on Standard Oil Company tankers on the east coast. They are returning home via the Far East, preferring to risk possible capture in the Pacific rather than in the Atlantic.

CHAMPIONS DAY AT VALLEY

1163 WAS A LUCKY NUMBER

An investor who holds Cash Sweep ticket No. 1163 won major prizes in the first two races at the Valley to-day.

The ticket, believed to be a through number purchased before the season started, drew Mount Hope Bay in the first race and won \$1,598.80.

In the next event the same ticket drew Boolat Bay which, however, was beaten on the post by a short neck for first place, by a rank outsider, National Pride. A Boolat Bay win would have netted the investor an additional \$1,053.40.

However, as Boolat Bay ran second, the investor gains an additional \$472.40, or a total of \$2,071 for the two wins.

National Pride, which defeated Boolat Bay, paid \$100.00 for a win—the then highest dividend of the Annual Meeting—and \$29.10 for a place.

In the next race, however, Ajax won from Happy Landings by a short head to pay \$281.20 for a win and \$60.50 for a place.

Miss R. Vickers presented the Ladies' Purse to S. C. Liang after the Jockey Cup, the presentation taking place on the steps in front of Sir V. Grayburn's box. Mr. Liang was introduced by Mr. T. E. Pearce. He presented Miss Vickers with a bouquet of yellow gladioli and blue larkspurs.

Dead Heat
Clare's Ringlight and Marber's Grethor ran a dead heat for first.

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THE LUCKY NUMBERS

Cash Sweep Winners
At The Valley
The following lucky numbers came up at the Valley to-day.

RACE 1	
No. 1163	\$1,598.80
" 391	456.80
" 112	229.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.	
11, 2594, 1889, 2673, 2105, 3232.	
RACE 2	
No. 712	\$1,053.40
" 1163	472.40
" 501	230.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.	
734, 2370, 3116, 3509, 3549, 3234, 1601, 143, 2011.	
RACE 3	
No. 3275	\$1,759.80
" 1778	502.80
" 3033	251.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.	
2004, 1292, 247, 1077, 625, 641, 3751, 1017, 1889.	
RACE 4	
1—2422	\$1,814.40
2—2727	510.40
3—4014	289.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): 1475,	
140, 106, 2216, 4049, 2373, 1640, 410, 258, 3423, 200, 447.	
RACE 5	
No. 4510	\$1,053.40
" 3417	1,053.40
" 577	375.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos.	
801, 2228, 510, 2467.	
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The Inspector, 92, Stone Nullah Lane, 2nd Floor.

The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.

The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society.

The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

THE LUCKY NUMBERS

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RACE 6

No. 4270 \$2,771.50
" 4448 701.00
" 4401 395.80
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3686, 4794, 4047, 2935, 3905, 3567, 4724, 5280, 2152.

RACE 7

No. 4698 \$3,068.60
" 3363 876.00
" 2554 439.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3514, 3644.

RACE 8

No. 200 \$3,351.60
" 5940 957.00
" 2742 478.80

RACE 9

No. 2552 \$3,053.40
" 1330 654.20
" 2044 654.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 4253, 5379, 1010, 4339, 1425, 1361, 2443.

Abbey Service For Lord Tweedsmuir

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Anthony Eden said that memorial services for the late Lord Tweedsmuir are being arranged in Westminster Abbey and St. Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh, to take place on Thursday.

The funeral will be private. Mr. Eden added that he was sure the House would wish him to take this opportunity of paying tribute to the great services which Lord Tweedsmuir had rendered to the Empire, and of expressing deep sympathy with his family.

1163 WAS A LUCKY NUMBER

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place in the Hopeful Stakes, first event after the fifth adjournment, in the comparatively slow time of 2.24, with For All Time third five lengths behind. Pari-mutuel dividends in the event gave only nominal ten cent profit on a \$5 investment.

Drizzle Sets In

Shortly after the end of the fifth adjournment a heavy drizzle set in, driving race-goers to seek shelter in the grand-stands and boxes.

The rainy conditions have further eased the track.

New Record

The fourth day's racing at the Valley opened to-day in drizzling weather, with an attendance much smaller than that of preceding days.

The track was soft as a result of last night's rain, and it was not anticipated that the five records already set up at this meeting would be bettered.

Nevertheless, Mount Hope Bay opened the day's racing by setting up a new six furlong record in the Grandstand Stakes by centering home six lengths ahead of Eve of Folly to win by six lengths in 1.21.2, clipping 24th seconds off the previous record held by Rose Elect.

With two more days racing in the Annual Meeting to be considered, it appears possible that a new record may be set up—a record number of records!

Five record times had already been set since Saturday and another old record had been equalled, before to-day's racing.

Entries from the Moller stable have run away with most of the records of this meeting. Racylight set a new time of 1.04.3 for the event from the 1½ mile post on Monday and this time was bettered yesterday by Spiclight, who did the distance in 1.02.4.

Altogether, the Moller stable claims four of the six new records, one of them being the Derby.

A comparison of the records set at the 1939 and current Annual Meetings is interesting:

1939

Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.23.4 by Rose Elect
China Stakes (From 1½ mile post) 1.05 by Desert Chief
Wong Nei-chong Stakes (½ mile) 58.8 by Portrush
Hongkong Derby (1½ miles) 2.55.2 by Rose Elect

1940

Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.22.4 by Spiclight.
Sydney Maiden Stakes (6 furlongs) 1.16.2 (record equalled) by Far View.
Lusitano Cup (From 1½ mile post) 1.04.3 by Racylight.
Hongkong Derby (1½ miles) 2.50.4 by Spiclight.
Chincher Cup (From 1½ mile post) 1.02.4 by Spiclight, (bettered Racylight's time in Lusitano Cup).
Rooty Hill Derby and Sports Club Cup 2.41.4 by Far View.

1-12.00 NOON-GRAND STAND STAKES—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$200. For China Ponies, bona fide Chinese, as at 31st December, 1939. Includes as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.
L. Dunbar's MOUNT HOPE BAY 101 lb. 1.22.4 by Spiclight.
Mrs. J. H. Taggart's CRAIGAVAD 101 lb. 1.22.4 by Spiclight.
Eve's EVE OF FOLLY 101 lb. 1.21.2 by Spiclight.
Nine Starters.
Win by six lengths; many lengths.
Time—1.21.2.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$5.00. Places \$5.10; \$3.10; \$3.10.

2-12.30 P.M.—BOOCHOW HANDICAP

First Section—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies classified "C" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Includes as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. Six Furlongs.

Cat's NATIONAL PRIDE 135 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
S. W. Lee's BOOLAT BAY 101 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Dunbar's ROSE QUEEN 101 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.

Twelve Starters.
Win by short head; two lengths.
Time—1.23.4.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$100.00. Places \$29.10; \$17.20; \$25.50.

3-1.00 P.M.—LADIES' PURSE—Presented with \$750 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. Handicap for Chinese Ponies classified "E" Class as at 31st December, 1939. Includes as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One Round (About 7 Furlongs 40 Yards).

L.T.F.'s AJAX 144 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Elliander's HAPPY LANDINGS 143 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Jessen's PUMPERNICKEL 150 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.

Twelve Starters.
Win by short head; the same.
Time—1.23.4.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$281.20; \$60.00; \$13.70; \$2.20.

4-1.30 P.M.—JOCKEY CUP—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. A Cup valued \$100 will be presented to the winning Jockey. Handicap for Chinese Ponies classified "E" Class as at 31st December, 1939. To be ridden by Jockeys who have won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or Spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Sunnydale's BOGEY 140 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Mrs. Hall's GOG 161 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Helen's VALOROUS 150 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.

Fifteen Starters.
Win by four lengths; 1½ lengths.
Time—1.23.4.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$51.50. Places \$21.00; \$14.50; \$12.

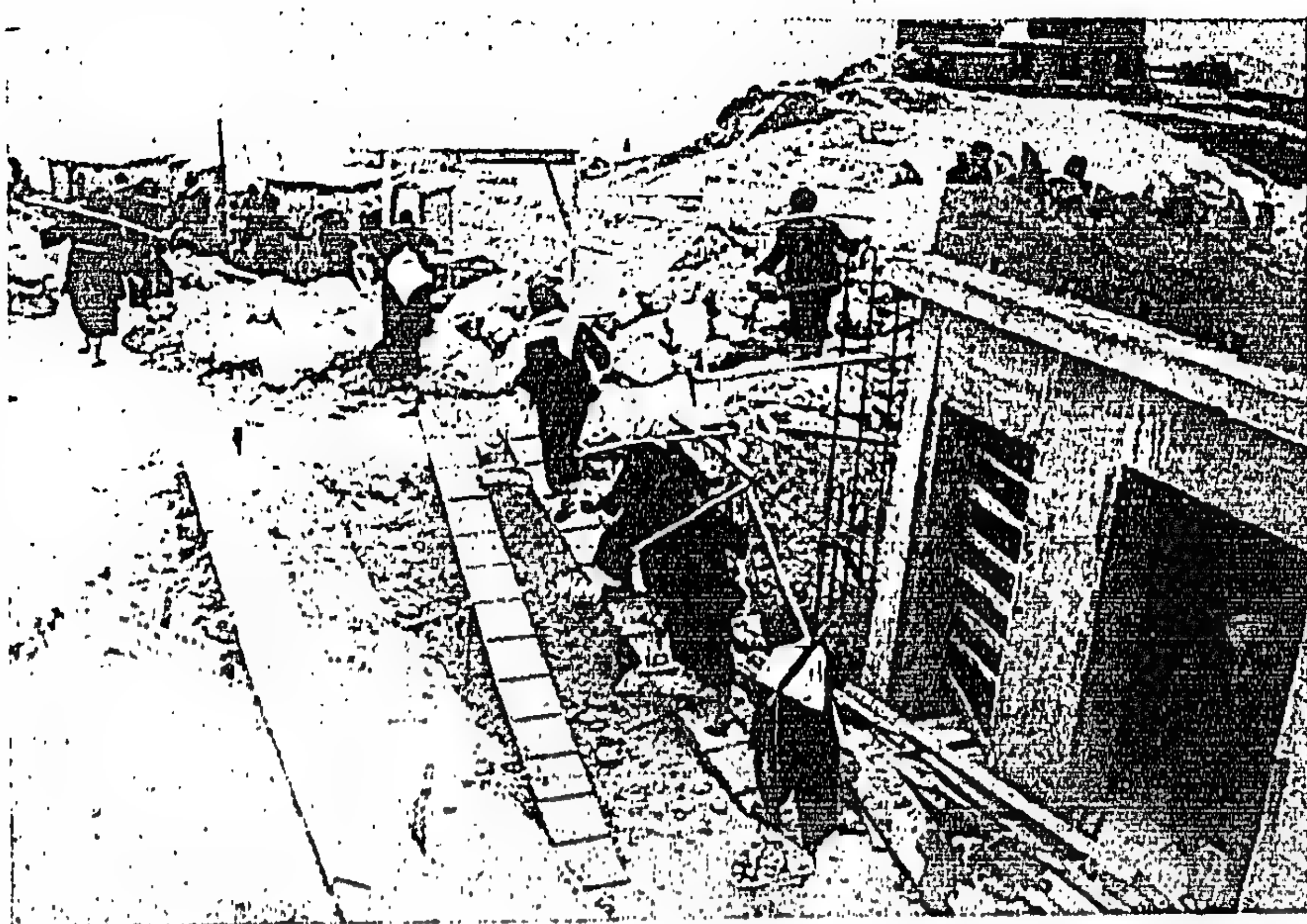
5-2.00 P.M.—HOPEFUL STAKES—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$200. For China Ponies, bona fide Chinese, as at 31st December, 1939. Includes as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Mile.

Cire's RACYLIGHT 101 lb. 1.02.4 by Spiclight.
Marber's GREYER 101 lb. 1.02.4 by Spiclight.
Li Po-chun's FOR ALL TIME 101 lb. 1.02.4 by Spiclight.

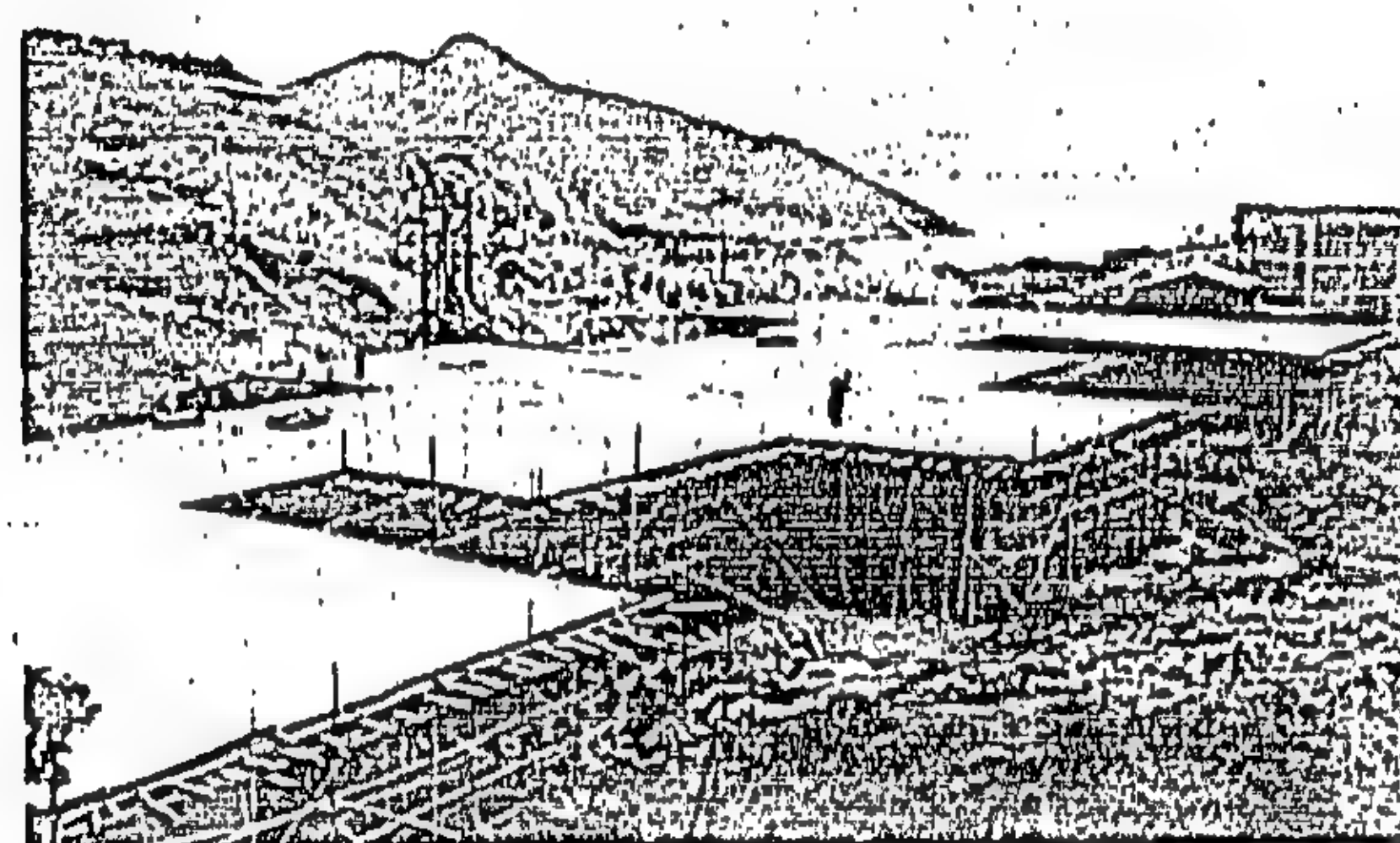
Seven Starters.
Win by dead heat; five lengths.
Time—1.02.4.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$5.10. Places \$5.10; \$3.10; \$3.10.

HONGKONG PREPARES:

Below we publish further photographs of a new series, specially taken by Norman Soong, of Hongkong's defence preparations. These photographs will appear daily in the "Telegraph".



MUCH HARD LABOUR and tons of concrete go into the making of defence works for Hongkong. Coolie labour is well paid.



A MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT under construction in Hongkong. The construction branches of the military are kept busy at new fortifications and building accommodations for the new reinforcements in the Colony.

Political Crisis In Sweden KING GUSTAV V MAY ABDICATE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

OSLO, FEB. 21 (DOMEI).—INTERNATIONAL DISSENSION IN SWEDEN REGARDING THE REJECTION OF FINLAND'S APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE ARE LIKELY TO LEAD TO THE ABDICATION OF KING GUSTAV V OF SWEDEN, ACCORDING TO THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "TIDENS TEGEN".

The Correspondent states that serious differences have arisen between the Swedish High Command and the Swedish Government as a result of the rejection of Finland's appeal.

Sweden, as a result, is confronted with a political crisis of the first magnitude.

There are indications that the crisis will result in the downfall of the Government, which rejected Finland's appeal in face of the opposition of the Swedish Army.

Crown Prince Would Succeed

King Gustav, who at 82 years of age is the oldest monarch in the world, has publicly concurred in the decision reached by his Cabinet.

The Correspondent states that Crown Prince Gustav would succeed to the Throne if the King abdicates.

The Crown Prince and Princess of Sweden visited Hongkong in 1920.

They travelled incognito, passing through Hongkong in the s.s. Katori Maru.

King Gustav V is a great-grandfather. In addition to being the world's oldest monarch, he is also the tallest and most sports-minded.

Very Popular Monarch

His popularity with his subjects is immense, and the esteem with which he is held by his people was well demonstrated in 1933, on the occasion of his eightieth birthday.

He is one of the world's most democratic rulers.

"Everything Quiet"

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that everything has been quiet in the fighting lines.

Winners at this Meeting, barred, Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One Mile.

6-2.30 P.M.—BLUE MOUNTAINS PLATE—Winner \$1,000. Second \$400. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Vilaga's VICEROY 135 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Cheice's VANITY FAIR 135 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen's ALBURY 135 lb. 1.23.4 by Spiclight.

Twelve Starters.
Win by short head; 1½ lengths.
Time—2.30.
Pari-mutuel—Winner \$10.80. Places \$9.20; \$20; \$7.70.

7-4.00 P.M.—GOVERNOR'S CUP—Presented with \$750 added for Winner. Second \$300. Third \$200. For China Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

8-4.30 P.M.—CHAMPION STAKES—A Sweepstakes of \$100 each for Starters with \$1,000 added for Winner. Second \$1,000. Third \$500. For China Ponies, Winners of a Flat race at this Club's Extra. Extra \$200. Includes as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

9-5.00 P.M.—ADELAIDE HANDICAP—Winner \$750. Second \$300. Third \$200. For Australian Ponies, Grifflins of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Winners barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

Commons Cheers The Anzacs Eden's Statement Warmly Received

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).

Cheers punctuated the statement by Mr. Anthony Eden, the Dominions Secretary, in the House of Commons this afternoon on his visit to Egypt to greet the Australian and New Zealand troops.

"I sought to express to the Australian and New Zealand troops," said Mr. Eden, "the welcome I feel sure this House and every section of opinion in this country would wish me to extend them."

"The arrival of Australian and New Zealand troops in the Middle East is yet another proof of solidarity, and that the British Commonwealth is with us in a common cause."

Beyond All Praise

"I need hardly add that the exceptionally high physical standard of the troops and their military bearing are beyond all praise."

"The House, I feel sure, would wish me to take this opportunity to express our deep sense of gratitude to the people and Government of Egypt for their action as our friend and ally in offering so hospitable a reception to the Dominion contingents."

During my stay in Egypt, I was also privileged to see something of the Indian troops who have now been stationed in the Middle East for some time, and to bear to them also a message from the King-Emperor."

"The Circle" A Splendid Achievement

Best A.D.C. Show Since "Night Must Fall"

The Hongkong A.D.C. has another notable achievement to its credit if last night's dress rehearsal of Somerset Maugham's "The Circle" is any criterion of what patrons can expect at the four performances which start this evening and continue nightly until Saturday.

It is quite likely that the majority will consider this production as the best since "Night Must Fall", produced by the A.D.C. three years ago.

Last night's dress rehearsal was practically flawless, and two people at least scored brilliant success. E. E. Wynne-Jones in his debut on the local stage, gave a magnificent portrayal and vied with Helen Prior for chief honours.

Winnie Cox presented a very pleasing study and Cecil Champkin revealed that he has lost none of the talents which have made him one of the most effective amateur players in the Far East.

Excellent too was the work of E. B. Teedle and Andrew Mackinlay, while Beth Smith-Wright and H. C. Macnamara rounded off an ideal cast.

Hongkong can look forward with pleasurable anticipation to a production par excellence.

Southern Rhodesia To Supply Beef

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—A contract has been signed between Britain and Southern Rhodesia whereby Britain and her Allies will take all the beef that Southern Rhodesia can supply.

"This Admirably Conducted Operation"

Premier on The Altmark Episode

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, described the release of British prisoners from the Altmark as "this admirably conducted operation."

Loud cheers greeted this description when Mr. Chamberlain reviewed the circumstances which led to the escape of the 299 British seamen from the German ship.

These prisoners, said the Prime Minister, were closely confined in a German naval supply ship for more than three months.

Government's Satisfaction

"His Majesty's Government are at present awaiting full reports from the naval officers concerned in this very gallant affair, but I am sure that the House will join the Government in the satisfaction they feel at the release of officers and crews of the vessels sunk by the Graf Spee (Cheers) after their long ordeal, and that Members will desire also to congratulate the Royal Navy most heartily upon this notable addition to its annals."

"Apart from the original protest handed to Lord Halifax on February 17, we have received no official communication from the Norwegian Government, but I have seen an account in the Press of the full statement made by M. Koht in the Storting last night, and I desire to make certain comments thereupon at once (Cheers)."

"I feel bound to say that the account makes the action, or rather the inaction of the Norwegian Government, even more difficult to understand than I had previously supposed (Cheers)."

No Examination At All

"We had imagined that the Norwegian authorities had conducted some examination of the Altmark, and our complaint was that this examination had been so perfunctory that it did not reveal the presence of British prisoners aboard."

"Now it appears, however, that the Norwegian authorities conducted no examination of the ship at all."

Mr. Chamberlain outlined M. Koht's statement and said that it appeared in the Norwegian view that as the Altmark was regarded as a warship, no request to search could be made.

The Chief Naval Officer at Bergen was not quite satisfied and the Altmark was later stopped but refused to submit to an inspection.

Even though the Altmark had used her wireless in Norwegian territorial waters, violating Norwegian regulations, this did not lead the Norwegian authorities to take any action beyond complaining and accepting an apology.

British Offer Refused

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that a joint Norwegian and British offer was proposed so that a proper investigation might be made at Bergen (Cheers). This offer was refused.

The Norwegian officer declined to accompany the British boarding party aboard the Altmark.

"It will be seen therefore, that not on one occasion but on three or four that the Norwegian authorities failed to carry out a proper investigation of the matter. Not until after these refusals did H.M. ships take action against the Altmark, and if they had not done so she would have been allowed to complete her voyage to Germany without let or hindrance, and without any inquiry into the circumstances."

Surprising Statement

"Yet observe also that M. Koht said that the Norwegian authorities did not know that British prisoners were aboard the Altmark. Considering that this fact was prominently reported weeks ago in the Press of the world, I cannot but regard this as a most surprising statement."

"I find it difficult, in these circumstances, to resist the conclusion that the Norwegian authorities have displayed a complete indifference as to the use which might be made of their territorial waters by the German fleet. Even if such indifference is due to German pressure, it is, nevertheless, in the view of His Majesty's Government, inconsistent with the active impartial exercise of duty of a neutral towards ourselves as belligerents."

Doctrines Unacceptable

"According to M. Koht's views, the Norwegian Government see no objection to the use of Norwegian territorial waters for hundreds of miles by a German warship for the purpose of escaping capture in the high seas and conveying British prisoners to a German prison camp."

"Such a doctrine is in variance with international law as His Majesty's Government understand it. It would in their view legalize the abuse by German warships of neutral waters and create a position which His Majesty's Government could, in no circumstances, accept." (Loud Cheers)

Indian Press Comment

BOMBAY, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The feature of Indian newspaper comment on the Altmark incident is a strong vindication by Nationalist organs of the part played by Britain.

"The British reply to the Norwegian protest was convincing," writes the "Bombay Chronicle."

"Norway was assisting a German warship to take to a German prison British captives illegally held. Norway cannot complain if, in such an emergency, the British Government used a destroyer instead of a diplomatic note."

"As for Germany, her hysterical protests only invite ridicule."

"What is important in the possible PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

DARING MIDNIGHT ROBBERY

Bandits Abduct Girl In Sedan Car

GANGSTER METHODS were introduced to Hongkong last night in one of the most daring robberies ever perpetrated in the Colony.

The victim, a 20-year-old dancing hostess named Pak Suet, lost jewellery valued at over \$14,000 as a result of the affray.

She was abducted in the city in a large black sedan car by four men, robbed of her jewellery whilst the car travelled on a fast speed towards Happy Valley and was finally thrown out of the car in Caroline Hill Road. As soon as the girl was thrown onto the roadway the car sped back towards the city.

Police this morning are searching for four Chinese, said to be regular habitués of local cabarets. At least one is believed to have come to Hongkong from Shanghai.

Dancing Hostess

The girl is employed as a dancing hostess at the China Emporium Ballroom.

She met one of the alleged bandits there shortly after 10 p.m. last night and agreed to accompany him to the Capital Ballroom shortly after midnight. They were joined there by two other men.

A short while after the girl decided to return to the China Emporium Ballroom and the three men offered to drive her there in their car.

As soon as she entered the car one of the men produced a revolver whilst another placed a hand over her mouth.

Threw Rings From Car

The girl agreed to hand over her jewellery, and commenced to take her rings off her fingers.

As she passed the Hongkong Hotel in Queen's Road the girl, hoping the attention of nearby pedestrians would be attracted, suddenly threw her two rings out of the window.

The car stopped and one of the men leapt out to retrieve the rings.

The girl managed to momentarily free herself from the grip of the other man and screamed for assistance.

Without waiting for the confederate who had gone back to search for the two rings, the car drove off again at a high speed.

The girl was robbed of her remaining jewellery whilst en route to Happy Valley.

In addition to the two rings—one of which was valued at \$10,000 and the other at \$1,500—the girl lost a white gold bracelet valued at \$2,000, a gold necklace valued at \$70, \$140 in cash and other items.

It is not known whether the bandits recovered the rings thrown into Queen's Road or whether they were picked up by pedestrians.

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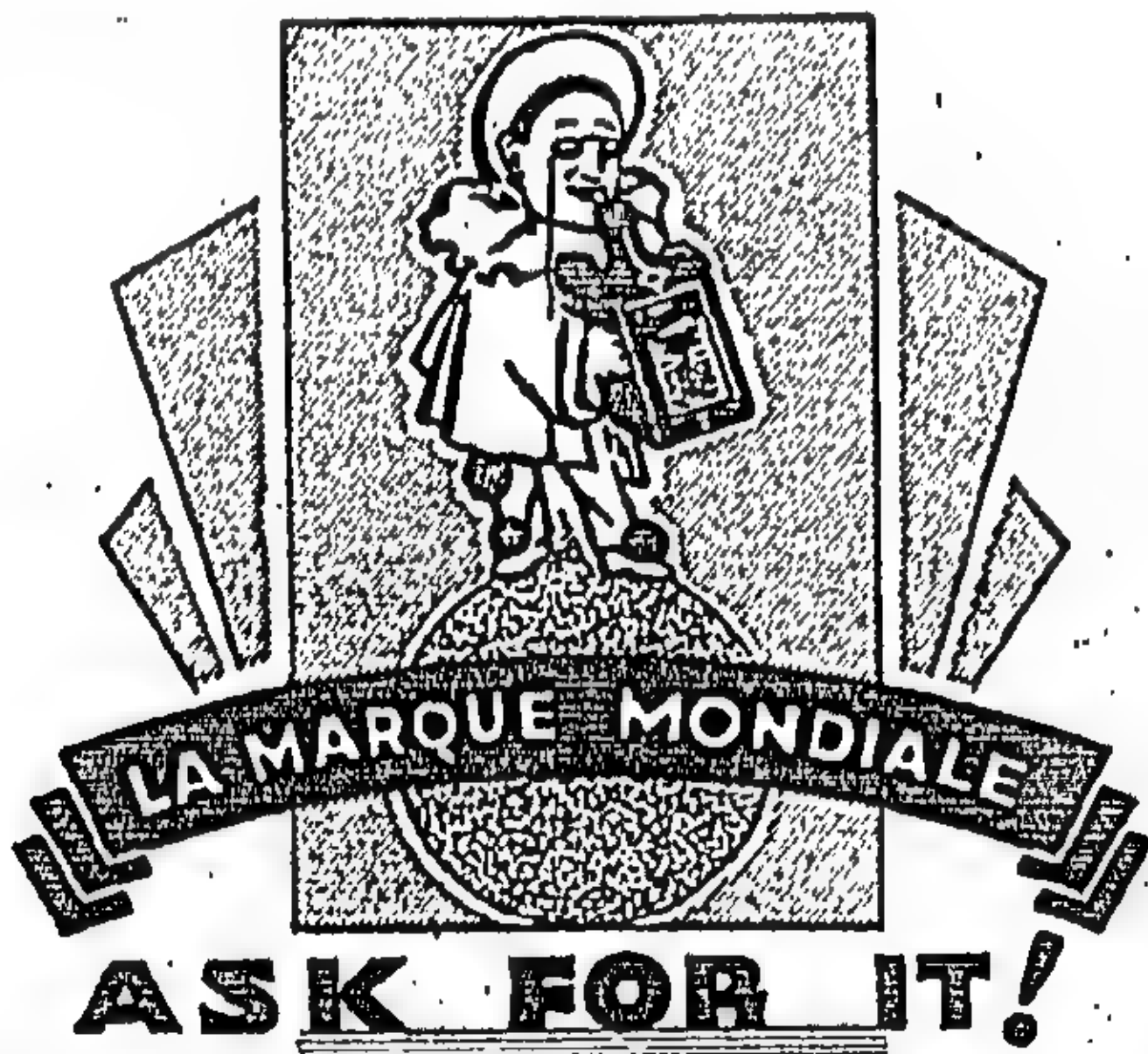
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ENTERTAINMENT PAGE

Britain's First War Film

THERE'S a film coming to Hongkong shortly which is Britain's answer to the oft-made charge that, so far, Germany has been victor on the photography sector of the current war.

It is "The Lion Has Wings", Britain's first full-length war movie, produced by Alexander Korda. Released throughout the world by United Artists, this film will be shown in Hongkong early in March.

Denham Studio

Quiet and unemotional with its stars, Merle Oberon and Ralph Richardson, subordinated to its news-reel core, "The Lion Has Wings" was filmed in 12 days and nights, amid great secrecy, at the Denham studios of Alexander Korda.

Through censors cut out vast footage for fear of revealing defence secrets, it still remains a historic document. It includes a first-rate re-enactment of the September 4 air raid on the Kiel Canal and a dramatic reproduction of a night's work by the Fighter Command, a secret air-protection force.

The London openings of this film was attended by high military and political representatives of Great Britain as well as dignitaries from other European and American countries.

New Screen Role Idea

RECENTLY Leslie Howard, famous British screen star, woke up at Westcott, Surrey, one morning with a big idea.

He had just read the world's best best-seller, Ambassador Sir Neville Henderson's report to Lord Halifax on the last days in Berlin.

His idea was that he, Leslie Howard, should play Ambassador Henderson in a film of that story. A story that holds the greatest drama of this age.

Howard planned to invite great actors to impersonate the actors of this world drama. He thought to go to Conrad Veidt to ask him to be Ribbentrop.



Would be Ambassador.

The film was to be a powerful and effective statement of Britain's war case on the screens of the world.

At first the idea went well. The money was found. Sir Joseph Ball, head of the film section at the Ministry of Information, approved. Sir Robert Vansittart, Foreign Office expert, enthused.

Leslie Howard wrote to Lord Halifax setting out his idea. But the idea was turned down.

The Foreign Office say that living people may not be portrayed on the screen.

The film, however, is not dead. Conferences are still being held to discuss how far it may be possible to make it without personalities. Perhaps Howard could be just the British Ambassador, an unidentified statesman as spokesman of Britain's case.

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"Lion Has Wings"



RALPH RICHARDSON, as a British aviation officer, and Merle Oberon, as his wife, in the Korda production, "The Lion Has Wings" which is coming to Hongkong next month.

AT THE CINEMAS

Alhambra: "Death of a Champion."
Oriental: "Risky Business."
Majestic: "Here I am a Stranger."
Queen's: "Back Door to Heaven."
Kings: "Naughty but Nice."

'March Of Time' Shows Hongkong Scenes

"The Battle Fleets of Britain," one of the latest March of Time shorts, was made with the full co-operation of the Admiralty and is a dramatic review of the sea might of our British Empire.

This film, which is being shown in many countries all over the world, is good propaganda.

IT reminds us that since we defeated the Spanish Armada we've held sea supremacy, which Germany only once dared challenge in the last war.

We see the formidable Home Fleet patrolling the North Sea and the Mediterranean and the safeguarding of the Suez Canal.

But of even greater interest to local cinemagoers are the scenes of the China Squadron at work.

Special scenes of Hongkong's defences and A.R.P. organisation are shown. These scenes were taken last year by Mr. V. Jurgens, March of Time photographer, who is back in town filming more of our Colony. But to return to this particular film—The commentator tells us that during the next twelve months at least one new fighting vessel per week will be launched to increase the present huge fleet. Already we possess more fighting ships than any other navy in the world. We've got our submarines, too, fifty of them and five new aircraft carriers, in addition to those at present in use, are being built.

"The Battle Fleets of Britain" will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres with "Fifth Avenue Girl."

Cinderella Girl Weds

HOLLYWOOD, (UP).—Judy King, one of Hollywood's "Cinderella girls," was honeymooning recently with Lieut. Ben Funk of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

The young actress and the flyer, who met here on a film set, eloped to Winslow, Ariz., and were married by the Rev. Fred Doehner, Funk's brother. Harold, married Evelyn June Finkle of Denver in the same ceremony.

Eighteen months ago Miss King came here from Dallas, Tex., to sell the movie, a song she composed. The movie-makers looked at her, instead of her song, and the pretty Texas girl was placed under contract as an actress.

Her true name is Fane Simmons, and she is the daughter of the late Dr. J. J. Simmons of Dallas.

Disney Cartoon Programme

ON Sunday a new Walt Disney cartoon programme will be shown at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres.

Included among the cartoons which will be shown are "Goofy and Wilbur," "The Autograph Hound," "Donald's Cousin Gus," "Beach Picnic," "The Hockey Champ," "The Frackle," "The Pointer," "The Ugly Duckling" and "The Society Dog Snow."

None of these cartoons have been shown in Hongkong before.

Views Of New York Critics

NEW YORK, (UP).—New York critics decided that Samuel Goldwyn's production of "Wuthering Heights" was the best motion picture of 1939.

"Wuthering Heights" was adapted by Ben Hecht and Charles MacArthur from the novel by Emily Bronte. William Wyler directed it and Laurence Olivier and Merle Oberon played the principal roles.

Other awards were: Best Foreign Language Film—"Harvest," (French).
Seventeen critics participated in the voting.

Christopher Robin Film

A. A. MILNE'S "Christopher Robin" poems are being considered by Disney at the moment for a series of new cartoons. Disney is particularly taken by the character of "Winnie the Pooh," the little bear.

Probably the most popular children's poems of to-day, these should make grand material for Disney.

A. A. Milne's son, the Christopher Robin of the books, is now in the Army.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says: The Market continues quiet but prices are well maintained.

Buyers
H.K. Bank \$1,415
Canton Ins. \$212½
Union Ins. \$465
Fire Ins. \$182
Douglases \$100
Lands \$37½
Realties \$4½
Tramways \$17.55
Star Ferries \$64
Yau-mat Ferries \$25
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H.K. Bank \$1,425
Union Ins. \$470
Lands \$38½
China Lights (Old) \$8.10
Telephones (Old) \$21
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Britain's Second War Film

WILL Hongkong cinemagoers be allowed to see the British film "U-boat 29" which was produced in London at the Denham Studios with British capital?

Recently the Malayan film censor banned this picture, no reason for the banning being given. The film will go up before the Malayan Film Committee of Appeal.

How will this film fare in Hongkong?

At present no notification of the arrival of the film has been received here.

This film, which has an imposing British cast including Valerie Hobson, Sebastian Shaw and June Duprez, ran for four weeks at the London Odéon and was generally released throughout Great Britain under the title of "The Spy in Black."

Scene after scene in this melodrama is said to have such amazing parallels in recent European events and such strong elements of anti-German propaganda that responsible American film interests have released it in the United States under the title of "U-boat 29."

The ignominious exploits of U-boat 29 which sets out from the Kiel Canal to an unknown assignment in Semp Flow near the Orkney Islands, and the brutality and cunning of its commander, form the background of a picture that sees the fleet in action.

The final scene is a realistic portrayal of the sinking of the U-boat after having been pounded and bombed by a British destroyer.

The lighter side of the production stresses Germany's economic impoverishment as one hears the water at a Kiel hotel say that as there is no butter or meat, the U-boat commander after 14 days at sea on sardines, will have to do with margarine and boiled carrots. Later, in a logical sequence at a Scottish home, the adequacy of food is strikingly contrasted.

The British board of film censors granted the picture the "U" (Universal) certificate.



GLORIA SWANSON may make yet another come-back. Joe Pasternak, producer of Deanna Durbin pictures, is trying to get her to play Deanna's screen mother.

Strange Screen Test

ONE of the strangest screen tests in film history was that in connection with the making of the Edison film.

Applicants were required to say quickly and accurately the following eight words: "Mahalalcel, Methuselal, Arphaxad, Hazanaveth, Chedorlaomer, Zephaniah, Obadiah, and Nebuchadnezzar."

These words figured in an important incident in Edison's life. When he first invented the gramophone many people thought it was a hoax and that a ventriloquist was employed.

On the occasion a clergyman stamped into Edison's office and demanded to test the machine out. The clergyman then hurried into the recorder these eight words. Then he settled back snugly in the knowledge that no other man alive—least of all a ventriloquist, could speak the words with such rapidity and articulation. The words came back as he said them and presumably he was convinced.

Charles Laughton's Latest Film

"The Hunchback of Notre Dame," an RKO-Radio show starring Charles Laughton, broke all records in the Nanking Theatre, Shanghai, during the Chinese New Year holidays, grossing \$50,000 during the eight-day run.

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Lovely Mary Haines, a happy wife and devoted mother is a member of New York's wealthy "gossip" set. One day, Sylvia Fowler, an ace-meddler, finds that Mary's husband Stephen is "romancing" Crystal Allen, a pretty sales-girl. She spreads the word around and Mary finds out but for the sake of her child she takes her mother's advice, says nothing to Stephen and goes to Bermuda. On her return however, she encounters Crystal at a fashion show. They quarrel and Edith, Sylvia's friend, gives the details to a gossip columnist. This story is based on the M.G.M. version of the stage play of the same name, which will be screened in Hong-kong shortly.

DOLLY DE PEYSTER did a grand job of the juicy item. In true tabloid style, she informed her readers that:

"Wife K.O.'s Love Thief."

By the next day everybody was buzzing with it. After that, the open quarrel with Stephen was inevitable. There were things said on both sides, bitter, harsh

She shook her head. "He won't do that."

"What makes you so sure?"

Mary had had all this out with herself. "Because deep down, Stephen does love me but he won't find it out until I've really gone away." Yes, it must work out like that. It was bound to. "You'll make Little Mary write to me once a week won't you? And please Mother, don't spoil her so."

"But—but sometimes married people don't stay in love. The husband and wife fall out of love." Her throat felt raw. "And when they do they get unmarried. They — they get what is called a divorce."

Little Mary was wide-eyed. "I know what that is. Lots of my friends have mummies and daddies who are divorced."

"Well," her voice was barely a whisper. "Your father and I are getting a divorce. That's why I'm going away. That's why — oh darling, I can't explain to you quite but —"

LITTLE Mary's lips quivered. Now she was beginning to understand. "Mother, doesn't Daddy love you any more?"

"No, he doesn't."

"Don't you love him?"

"I — I — no, Mary."

"Oh Mother why?"

"I don't know but it isn't either Daddy's or Mother's fault. You'll just have to take my word for it. Now



Introductions were made and Mary learned that her blonde friend was the Countess de Lage, internationally known for her marriages to a string of young and handsome men. The other girl was Miriam Arnold, lately of the Vanities chorus and the commercial modelling field.

With her second glass of champagne Mary began to warm up to them. She liked them. Each in her own way was quite nice and genuine. "You're just what I need Countess," she said suddenly. "D'you mind if I ask you a personal question?"

"No dear, of course not. I love to talk about myself."

"Doesn't it take a lot of courage to marry so often?"

"My way," the Countess went on, "your marriage may not last till death but it's fun while it holds together and I think it's cruel to stand around waiting for someone to die don't you? And it usually takes years too. What did you pick yours for Miriam?"

"Not for character," was the dry retort.

"There. You see? No matter what you pick 'em for, where does it get you?"

Mary intoned, "On the train for Reno."

"That's the answer. Let's have another drinkie. Say, are you girls staying at a hotel in Reno?" They nodded.

The Women

words that neither could take back. One thing Mary always thought about afterwards—the earnest, pleading way Stephen had told her that this was his first lapse and the hurt defeat in his eyes when she had said she could never trust him again.

THE preparations for the divorce started next day and finally the afternoon arrived when Mary was all ready to catch the train for Reno.

Her mother was snapping her bags closed. "Go bathe your eyes. You can't get on the train looking like that. And remember, you have to tell Little Mary yet —"

"I'll tell her," Mary said dully. "I've been putting it off because —"

"Because you hope at the last minute a miracle will keep you from making a mess of your life? Have you thought that Stephen might marry that girl?"

"Spoil her!" Mrs. Morehead looked her reproach. "You'd think I never raised any children of my own."

Little Mary was waiting for her in the other room. Mary pulled her to the couch. "Darling," it was going to be even more painful and difficult than she had thought. "I want to talk to you dear."

"Have I done something wrong Mother?"

"Oh no darling, no. Mary, you know Daddy's been gone for some time — a month. And now I must tell you why." She plunged in. "You see dear, when a man and woman fall in love they get married. And the —"

come along, maybe I can explain it better in the car, on the way to the station —"

She stopped short as the door opened and Jane handed her a box of flowers. They were orchids and for a moment wild hope flooded over her as she saw Stephen's card. Then she read the message: "What can I say? Stephen."

In a gesture of revulsion she threw them from her. "Come Mary, I — I don't want to miss my train."

WHAT night she sat in the club car of the thundering vehicle that was speeding her westward. Suddenly, a voice addressed her. She turned to see a big blonde woman holding out a glass of champagne.

"Have some of this dear. You look so desolate. This must be your first trip to Reno."

Mary smiled a little. "Yes it is."

"Well, it's my fourth. But I remember the first time very well. I felt just like you look. Alone and scared." She beckoned to a bright faced little brunette who was sitting near the window. "You too dear, don't sit over there in that corner. Come and have a little drinkie."

Mary giggled. "No wonder you divorced him."

"Oh but love takes care of its own," the Countess beamed. "Ah, I'm sorry, I slid right into the arms of my fourth husband the Count."

"The one you're divorcing now?" Miriam asked.

"Yes. Helas. What could I do when I found he was putting arsenic in my headache powders." She brooded a moment.

"Trouble with me I don't pick 'em for their characters." She turned to Mary. "I'll bet you picked yours for character, didn't you?"

"Well—partly."

"And where's it got you? On the train for Reno."

MARY nodded solemnly and took another long swallow.

"How right you are Countess. On the train for Reno."

Crossword Puzzle

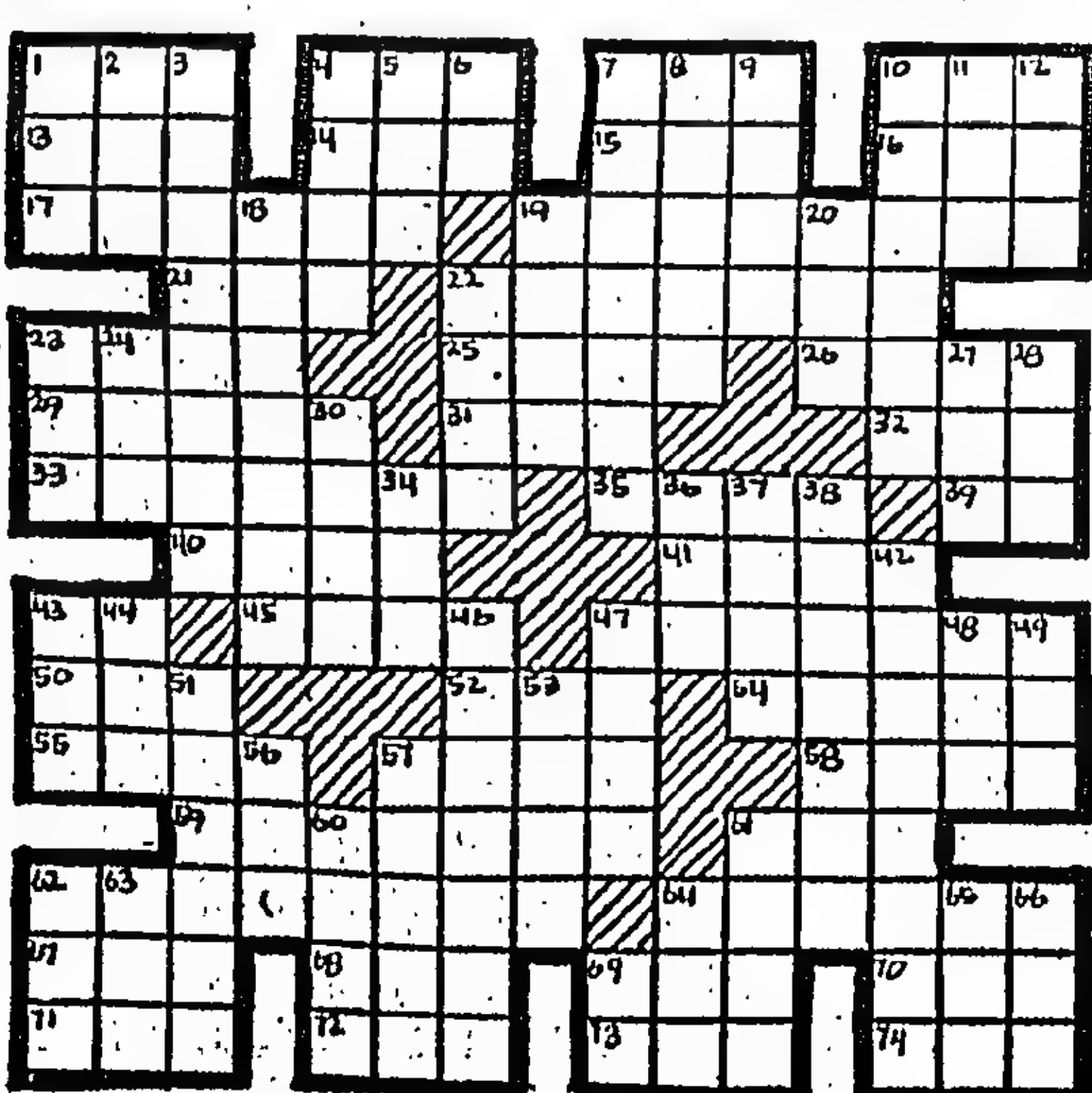
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ACROSS

- 1—Pondie
- 2—Lincoln
- 3—Hill's verb
- 4—Social circle
- 5—Cuneo
- 6—Falsified
- 7—Not any draw
- 8—Mohammed's relative
- 9—Celine
- 10—Branch of Mediterranean
- 11—Hodges
- 12—One who begs
- 13—French protectorate
- 14—Palitral
- 15—Convent
- 16—Thriller boxes
- 17—Over (poetical)
- 18—Legume
- 19—Ice
- 20—French war plane
- 21—Approach
- 22—One of Cyclops
- 23—Whirl
- 24—Kerel
- 25—Thriller (abbr.)
- 26—Country capital
- 27—Man's name
- 28—Verbs
- 29—Preceding
- 30—Japanese sab
- 31—Fishes upon
- 32—Russian weapon
- 33—Kind of deer
- 34—Cory room

DOWN

- 1—Young dog
- 2—Butt of nativity
- 3—Quadrangle
- 4—Rimes
- 5—Be sick
- 6—Concerning
- 7—Causes blindness
- 8—Bucolic
- 9—Orant being
- 10—Persian satrap
- 11—Prophet
- 12—Cuneo
- 13—Egyptian pharaoh
- 14—On side away from
- 15—Wind
- 16—Roman money
- 17—Walk heavily
- 18—Afric
- 19—Corn
- 20—Grassy area
- 21—Mask face
- 22—Item
- 23—Make error
- 24—Thriller
- 25—Annette
- 26—Printer's measure
- 27—Upright
- 28—Cleansing
- 29—Corn bread
- 30—Pretz through
- 31—Strike light
- 32—Cloth measure
- 33—Unit of light
- 34—Pretz three
- 35—Writer of boys'
- 36—Combining form
- 37—Stories
- 38—Gambling ratio
- 39—Annoy
- 40—Use French
- 41—Grain
- 42—French coin
- 43—Animal
- 44—Note of scale



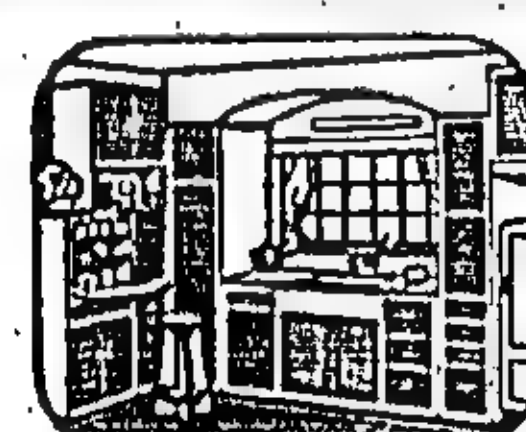
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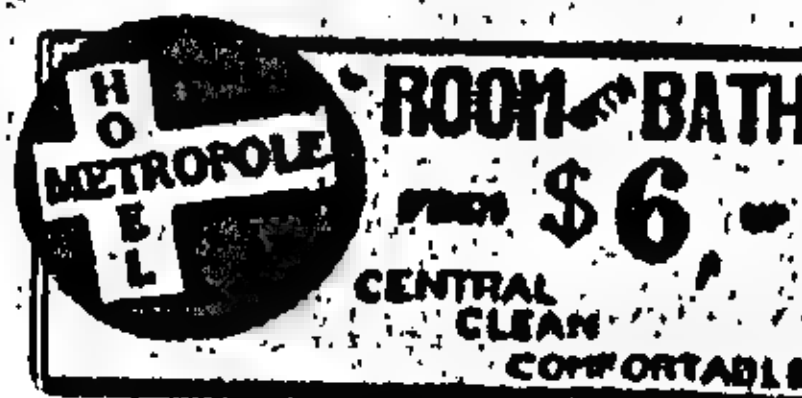
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and they were lodged in a prison which one of the women described as evidently intended for the worst type of criminal. They were obliged to sleep in their clothes.

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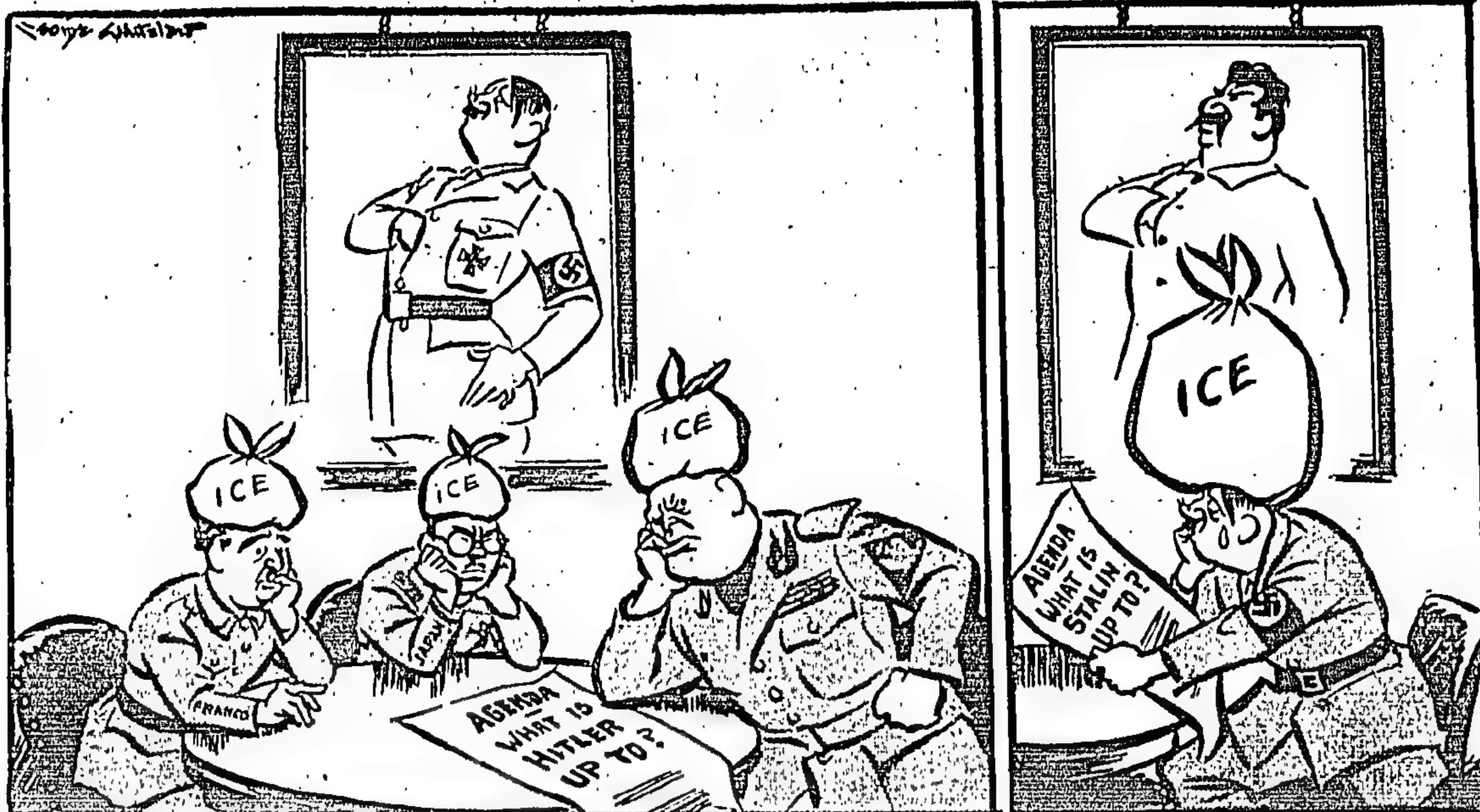
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Neutrals Stand Firm

Finland's defence of her freedom against the Soviet armies, heroically maintained through eleven weeks, has just completed another counterstroke of brilliant success. The progressive discomfiture of the Bolshevik giant has been accompanied by an intensification of the bombardment of neutrals with German threats. Every State in Northern Europe from the French frontier to the Russian has come under a heavy fire of abuse and demands.

In the philosophy of Hitler it was never dreamed that threats would produce a hardening of determination to defy the bully. To this inconvenient phenomenon his policy has now to accommodate itself. From the Dutch Government has come an outspoken declaration that Holland's integrity could not be matter for negotiation and any attack on her territory would meet with the most stubborn opposition of her armed forces. The Scandinavian Powers are no more inclined to accept the Nazi principle that "the Nordic countries belong to the Lebensraum of the Soviet and Germany." Sharp answers are given by the Norwegian Press, the Danes retort that they detest the advance of Bolshevism westward as much as Hitler and Germany did until last August and in Sweden feeling runs high. Everyone is agreed that Sweden should give the maximum help possible to the Finns. Recent Nazi bluster, promising Sweden the fate of Finland, will certainly not mollify the indignation aroused. Thus the endeavour to drive the Northern neutrals out of the League and to frighten the Scandinavian countries into prohibiting assistance to the Finns has failed and brought the threatened States into closer association to resist aggression.

Of no less significance are the demonstrations in the south and south-east of Europe. There also the menace of Hitlerism and Bolshevism is rousing the spirit of the neutrals and drawing them closer together. The splendid prolongation of the resistance of Finland to big bat-



HEADACHES

STALIN—the
modern Genghis Khan?

BY W. N. EWER

MR. HOOVER the other day said "the Communist attack on peaceful Finland typifies the barbarism of Genghis Khan."

There is perhaps more in the comparison than Mr. Hoover realised, for he was just being rhetorical.

Nor, I think, would Stalin take it for an insult, for Genghis is by way of becoming a Stalinist hero.

Who was he, this Genghis or Chingis, whose name—or rather title—has been for seven centuries a synonym for savagery and terrible whirlwind conquest?

His real name was Temujin. He was son of a little chieftain of a Tartar or Mongol tribe on the steppes near Lake Baikal, born in 1162 when Henry II was king here.



Skillful, cunning, a man of steel, he gained domination over friends and rivals alike.

He united the Mongols under his own leadership, disciplined them, organised them, built an army of fierce horsemen.

Then he struck. Out of Central Asia there burst on the civilised world a tremendous revolutionary force. China was first victim. Temujin (now bearing the title Chingis Khan, or Great Leader) struck in 1211.

Four years later—in the year of Magna Charta—his troops were in Peking. He was master of Northern China.

He turned westward against the Islamic States: burst into Turkestan: took Bokhara and Samarkand. In a dozen years he had made an empire that stretched from the Pacific to the Black Sea. Then he died, aged 65.

But the work went on. The Tartars under his sons and grandsons swept over Russia, swept into Persia and Irak and Palestine, hammered at the outworks of Western Christendom, spread dis-

may and alarm through Europe. Later Mongol princes founded an Empire in India. Men still alive can remember the passing of the last "Great Moghul."



The wave died down. The empire of Chingis crumbled. Europe and Islam and China recovered from the tremendous impact.

But the Tartar conquest left deep traces where it passed. And the terror of the name of "Genghis Khan" inspired a hundred legends.

What conceivable parallel can there be between such a man and Stalin, the Marxist leader of a Socialist State?

The answer, I think, is that we judge Stalin wrongly if we think of him primarily as a Communist. Primarily he is a great Asiatic chieftain, whose vision is of a great

Asiatic Empire, pressing upon Europe, perhaps even dominating Europe, avenging Europe's conquest of Asia.

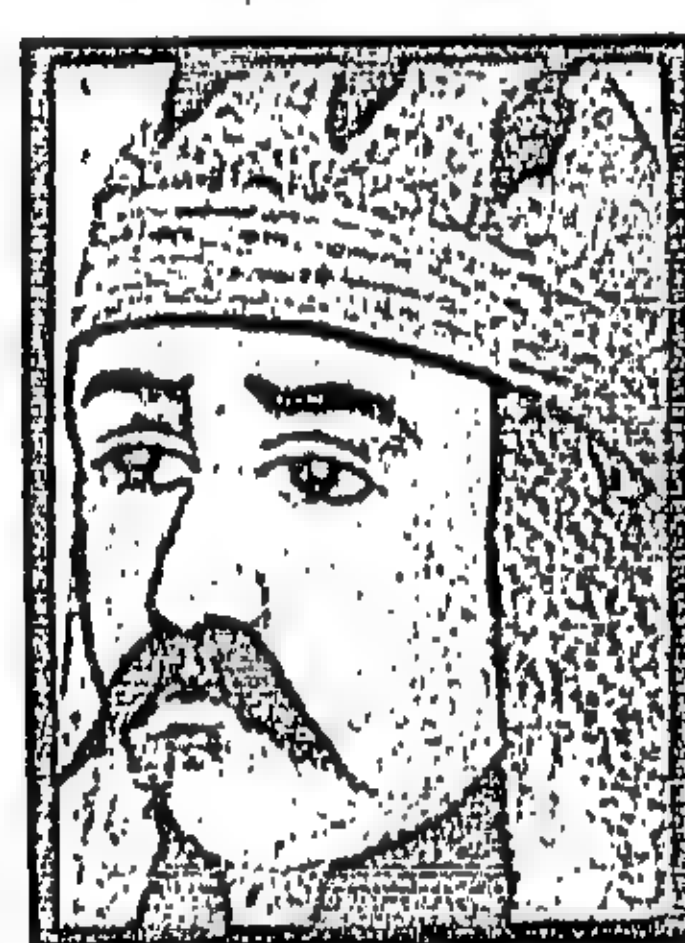
"Remember that I, too, am an Asiatic," he said once to a Japanese Ambassador.

It was a profoundly significant remark.

For this Georgian the Bolshevik revolution itself was less a rising of oppressed classes than a rising of Westernism in all its manifestations. It is significant that in the early years he busied himself with the question of the "nationalities," not with social or economic matters.

It is significant that, come to power, he broke the "Westernised" old Bolsheviks and surrounded himself with men free from European contamination.

He brought Russia more and more out of European influence. He began to shift her industries



GENGHIS KHAN



STALIN

"Remember that I, too, am an Asiatic," Stalin is reported once to have said.

into Asia—not only for strategic reasons.

The centre of gravity of the Russian Empire has been moved eastwards, Asiawards. Its old historic centres are becoming outlying frontier regions.



Russia under Stalin becomes a great Central and North Asiatic Empire, pressing on Europe, pressing into China, pressing perhaps, in the near future, on the Islamic lands of South Asia.

Not (with allowance for the seven centuries' gap) to unlike the Empire of Chingis—with a Georgian instead of a Tartar at its head.

Stalin, like Temujin, has taken a title. It is Vozhd Narodov: Leader of the Nations.

Not, you notice, Leader of the Workers. Leader of the Nations.

The man who chose that for himself has the Imperial mind. Can you imagine Lenin making such a choice: or indeed taking any title at all?

The boasts of Stalin are not of social achievements or of the welfare of the masses.

They are of the size and strength of the Union: of the might of its arms: of its readiness to "break the necks of its enemies."

The flatteries of Stalin are fulsome and obsequious: nothing like them has been heard in Europe since Byzantium fell.



A strange and ironic sequel to a Marxist revolution.

But there it is! The Georgian Vozhd sits in the Kremlin, surrounded by his Viziers and his sycophants, proud of the vast extent of his domains and of his unquestioned mastery over millions boasting of his great armies, threatening terrible war against any who defy his will: dreaming perhaps of new raids which shall force new European peoples to submit to an Asiatic overlord.

Not so completely unlike Chingis after all.

Will Poetry Survive the War?

SO far as I remember, none of us asked this question or had cause to ask it at the beginning of the last war, and there are many to whom it will seem superfluous now.

Surely poetry, being immortal as the air we breathe will survive the mortality of the battlefield as it has always survived it? And not only will it survive it but it will snatch newer glories in the process. That

tallions and mechanised arms has taught confidence that the giant of Bolshevism may be defied by a brave and resolute nation. There is no other safety for neutrals but common action against the aggressor. Like the barbarian tyrant of old, the Fuehrer has declared "the sun shall not shine on any country which marches with our own." Union in resistance will preserve for each its national rights.

was always the way of poetry, and it is likely to be the way again.

Those of us who were of reading age in 1914 remember the first appearance of those splendid sonnets written by a young poet, practically unknown outside his own circle, which Dean Inge quoted from the pulpit of St. Paul's and thus commended to the world at large. They were the precursors of many poems which proved that poetry was still a vital force in Britain. With that experience behind us, it is surely an impudence to ask whether our poetry will survive the present conflict.

And yet I ask the question not only because the days are full of dangers which seem calculated to discourage poets from writing, but because in recent years it has been openly argued that poetry is essentially a thing of "the antique world," of which our modern habit of verilying is a survival—a toy out of fashion.

A Text for To-day

Now let us see what truth there is in the first suggestion—that dark

days are a discouragement to the poet. Is there any?

Poetry, I can hear it said, is an inspiration, an effluence of sheer joy which needs happy moments for its nurture. It is quite true that much poetry has its source in delight and in the contemplation of the delightful, but is not the greatest poetry often that which is inspired by the terrible, the horrible or the tragic—the poetry which sets before us, as in an incandescent light, the beauty of suffering? What is common to all kinds of poetry worth the name is not so much delight as the excitement under which it is produced.

At the beginning of last century Britain found herself faced with the aggression of Napoleon and the menace of invasion, and Wordsworth, who nearly half a century later was appointed Poet Laureate, responded with those magnificent sonnets dedicated to National Independence and Liberty. In April, 1803, a month before we declared war upon Bonaparte, he contributed to the *Morning Post* these remarkable and now classic lines:—

It is not to be thought of that the Flood Of British freedom, which, to the open sea

Of the world's praise, from dark antiquity

Had flowed, "with pomp of waters, unwithstood,"

Roused though it be full often to a mood

Which spurns the check of salutary bands,

That this most famous Stream in bogs and sands

Should perish; and to evil and to good

Be lost for ever. In our halls is hung

Armoury of the invincible Knights of old

We must be free or die, who speak the tongue

That Shakespeare spake; the faith and morals hold

Which Milton held. In every thing we are sprung

Of Earth's first blood, have uttered manifold

That sonnet might be our text to-day, and those with which Wordsworth followed it have passages in

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The War In China

JAPANESE
START
NEW DRIVE

While Chinese sources claim victories on the Southern Kwangsi front, the Japanese news agency, "Domei," announces that Japanese troops have commenced a fresh drive on the south bank of the Yangtze River above Wuhu towards an undisclosed objective.

It is reported that the drive was started by a powerful Japanese column at dawn on Monday. About 1,000 Chinese troops sought to bar the way, but they were repulsed.

Two separate columns of Japanese troops have also launched tactical movements in other directions. These fresh movements of Japanese forces are bringing additional pressure to bear on the large Chinese forces in the Yangtze area, extending from eastern Chichang, south of Taihu Lake, to Taiyang, on the south-eastern border of Anhwei.

Chichang Offensive
The second Japanese offensive in eastern Chichang, launched on February 15, is also said by the Japanese to be nearing completion. It is claimed that the area east of the Puyang River is cleared of remnant Chinese troops.

"Crushing blows" have been dealt to the Chinese 100th and 102nd Divisions in a combined attack by the Japanese ground and air forces on the Chinese positions on the eastern bank of the Puyang River. Chinese reports state that fighting has resumed in the Shantung Peninsula. The Japanese have launched an offensive on Wenling, south-west of Weihaiwei. In several columns, one Japanese column was engaged by the Chinese south-east of Wenling all day on Monday.

3 Months For
BurglaryStolen Property Is
Seen In Street.

Admitting charges of burglary and stealing from 124 Queen's Road East on Monday, Ying Lai-ning, 20, unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. Sheldon at Central Magistracy this morning. Det. Sgt. Morrison said complainant was walking in the street yesterday when he saw a man carrying a bird cage which he recognised as part of the stolen property. On being questioned at the station, the man said he had bought it from Ying for one dollar. Ying was later arrested and admitted the burglary. The stolen property, which included a vase valued at \$20, and 315 bottles of wood, were all recovered.

Preferential
TreatmentBritons Deprived Of
Privileges

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TIENTSIN, Feb. 20 (UP).—A Japanese military spokesman announced this afternoon that German, Italian and Spanish lands will receive passes. There were altogether in Tientsin, including adults and children, 92 Italians, 461 Germans and 61 Spaniards, but only those giving good reasons will receive passes. Asked why the British do not receive passes despite consular requests, the spokesman replied that only nationals not hostile to the Japanese will receive passes.

U.S. EMBARGO
AND JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, scheduled to convene weekly, is meeting on Wednesday to resume discussions on proposals to impose an embargo on Japan.

Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, will not be present at the discussion, nor will any other State Department official attend the meeting. Hence it is unlikely that there will be much progress.

The Committee might, conceivably, act on Senator Gillette's Bill invoking the Neutrality Act to the Far East, though it is generally thought that the proposal will be pigeon-holed.

BODIES FOUND
IN STREET

THE BODIES of two people, believed to be father and child, were discovered in Boundary Street, Kowloon, last night.

Both had died of small-pox. Police believe that the bodies were dumped in the street by other members of the family. Neither are as yet identified.

Banishment For Tree
Wood Offence

Charged with unlawful possession of 50 cuttings of tree wood at Deep-water Bay yesterday, Chan Ping, 10, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony when he appeared before Mr. Houston at Central Magistracy this morning. Sgt. Estall prosecuted.



HELEN VINSON AND FRED PERRY

Helen Vinson To
Divorce Perry

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 20 (UP).—Helen Vinson has filed a petition for divorce from her tennis-player husband, Fred Perry.

This is the third suit for divorce she has instituted against Perry, the previous two being dropped.

She alleged on the former occasions that Perry was extremely cruel. "He curses me frequently," the film star alleged in her petition. Perry, thrice Wimbledon champion married Helen Vinson in 1935, after he had helped Britain retain the Davis Cup for another year.

After a tour of Australia the couple—Perry is nine months older than his wife—settled in Hollywood, where Helen continued to make films.

**FINNS MAY SET UP
NEW DEFENCE LINE
BEHIND THREATENED
CITY**

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Ladoga have been repulsed with heavy losses. Several important positions previously gained by the Russians on the Kholm front have been regained.

The Russians are attacking vigorously in the Lake Muola sector, which is in the centre of the Mannerheim Line.

A Russian detachment attempting to cross the frozen surface of Lake Ladoga was wiped out by fire from Finnish coastal batteries, which either killed the men outright or plunged them into the freezing waters after smashing up the frozen surface.

The Russians sustained further heavy losses when they were repulsed in the Taipale sector.

Destruction Of Viborg
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
HELSINKI, Feb. 21 (UP).—If the present rate of destruction continues, Viborg will be a city of ruins when and if it is entered by the Red Army.

It has been subjected now to over three weeks continuous aerial and artillery bombardment.

Russian bombers filled the sky over the war-torn city throughout to-day as they subjected it to continuous raids.

Anti-aircraft guns succeeded in bringing down six of the Red machines.

Air raid alarms were general throughout the entire country to-day.

Aid Recommended
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—Direct and immediate military aid for Finland was urged to-day by General Sir Hubert Gough, famed Commander of the 5th Army Division in the Great War.

General Gough was writing in the "Evening Standard."

"We are mistress of the seas and we must make Norway and Sweden realise that their own existence is at stake," he declared.

"In rescuing Finland, we would rescue Norway and Sweden."

Soviet Raid Communiqué
MOSCOW, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—A communiqué states that Soviet aviation has successfully raided enemy troops and military objectives.

Forty-seven enemy planes were brought down in air combats.

All B.E.F. To
Have Leave

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—All original members of the B.E.F. are expected to have had leave by the middle of March.

Announcing this in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Oliver Stanley, the War Minister, said that arrangements are now rapidly being made.

He also said that 17,500 rankers have been recommended for commissions and that 10,000 of these are now with the Officers' Training Centres.

S.A. Minister Sees
The B.E.F.

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The South African minister to Paris is at present visiting the B.E.F.

Our Embassy
In ChinaQuestions Asked In
House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. De La Bero asked whether, since the Russian and American Embassies in China enjoyed a favourable geographic proximity to the headquarters of the Chinese Government, and so had easy access for commercial discussions and negotiations, the Prime Minister would consider moving the British Embassy to an equally favourable geographical position.

In Touch With Chungking
Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that while the Ambassador's headquarters were in Shanghai he frequently visited Chungking and was in fact now there.

When he was not in Chungking, contact was maintained with the National Government through the offices of the Embassy which were in the charge of a senior member of the Embassy Staff.

These arrangements were found most convenient in practice for maintaining touch with British interests in different parts of China.

Lord Halifax, the Foreign Secretary, did not consider a modification was called for at present.

Special Police
Force For
Shanghai

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—More than 1,200 men will comprise the Special Police Force which is to resume exclusive authority in the Outside Roads area, according to the "China Press," which adds that such a large number is required because the Force will police the extensive area between the thoroughfares.

The newspaper states that the personnel will be made up predominantly of candidates nominated by the Japanese-sponsored special municipality and that no more than 10 per cent. of the force will be appointed from candidates nominated by the Municipal Council.

U.S.-Japan
Trade DeclineBut Exports To China
Show Big Increase

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Department of Commerce to-day reported that United States exports to Japan in 1939 dropped by \$8,257,000 below those of 1938, but that the loss was more than offset by the \$21,000,000 gain in exports to China.

American imports of Japanese goods were \$161,166,000 last year, compared with \$129,762,000 in 1938. Exports to Japan were \$231,405,000 compared with \$239,662,000.

The decline in United States exports occurred in raw cotton, petroleum products, automotive products, aircraft and parts.

Exports to China in 1939 totalled \$55,809,000 as compared with \$34,719,000 in 1938.

NAZI STEAMERS
READY TO DASH

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—A message from Tampico, Mexico, states that German freighters, the Idarwalk and Phrygia, are loading cargo and fueling.

It is thought that they intend to attempt to run the British blockade despite the failure of recent attempts by German ships to return to Germany.

A Russian freighter, Kim, has arrived at Manzanillo, another Mexican port, from San Francisco and has begun loading a cargo of 12,000 tons of copper and lead.

This cargo is believed to be consigned to Germany.

REDS EXPELLED
IN PARIS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, Feb. 21, (UP).—The Chamber of Deputies has voted unanimously in favour of the Bill expelling Communists from the Chamber.

As a result, sixty members of the Chamber are now ousted from their seats.

Seven others escaped expulsion on the grounds that there was no clear case against them.

However, it has been decided that they will receive double punishment if they are later discovered to be actively trafficking with the Communists.

RE-OPENING OF
NANTAO

SHANGHAI, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—According to the "China Press," French Concession and International Settlement trams and buses will be permitted to resume services in Nantao after formal re-opening to the general public on March 1 when no more passes will be required of those entering the area.

The Japanese authorities are reported to have expressed the hope that conditions in Nantao will thus be restored to the pre-war level through the resumption of public utility facilities.

GERMANY'S THREAT
TO SWEDEN

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and that they can only be interned if they touch land.

Norway Has Not Yielded
OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—"The Norwegian Government has not yielded to pressure from any side," declared M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

M. Koht added that in this case, as in all others, the Norwegian Government had striven only to comply with international law.

He maintained that the Altmark must be regarded as a warship and, therefore, had the right to be refused to be searched.

INCREASED
PENSIONSAged And Widows
To Benefit

LONDON, Feb. 20 (British Wireless).—Moving the second reading of the Old Age and Widows Pensions Bill, the Health Minister said that in spite of much that divided the Government from the Opposition and the many hard words which would be said, he felt that both members of a legislature which had not been wholly diverted from its own task by the necessities of war.

Costs £100,000,000
Continuing, Mr. Elliot said that the number of persons benefiting had risen from half a million when the first Act was passed to three million to-day; while the original cost of the Old Age Pensions had been about £7,000,000, to-day it was roughly £100,000,000.

Although a proportion of this figure was covered by contributions, taxation provided £65,000,000.

Recent events showed an almost universal desire to better the condition of older people, as was evidenced by a number of local authorities of all political parties, which had begun to make grants out of the rates to old age pensioners.

The Bill, the Minister said, proceeded upon two principles—first, improvement to be made in the general pensions scheme; second, responsibility for pensioners to be assumed by the state and no longer to be shouldered by local authorities.

Dealing with the Bill in detail, Mr. Elliot showed that the new proposals would cost an additional £80,000,000.

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NAZIS BETRAY
UKRAINIANS

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—According to the French radio a Polish broadcast states that the German authorities have handed over to the Soviet number of Ukrainian Nationalist leaders in accordance with the Soviet-German agreement.

Among those sent to Russia are members of the Ukrainian Legion, formed some years ago, and which was originally directed against Soviet Russia.

Some of those handed over have already been shot by the Soviet.

SPANISH CIVIL
WAR TOLL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MADRID, Feb. 20 (UP).—It was revealed to-day by General Bermudez de Castro, in the course of a signed article, that no less than 7,000 Nationalist soldiers were killed or died during the Spanish Civil War.

Of these 70,000 perished on the battlefields and a further 7,000 died through illness.

He also revealed that 750,000 people, including soldiers and combatants were sent to hospital for treatment during the course of the war.

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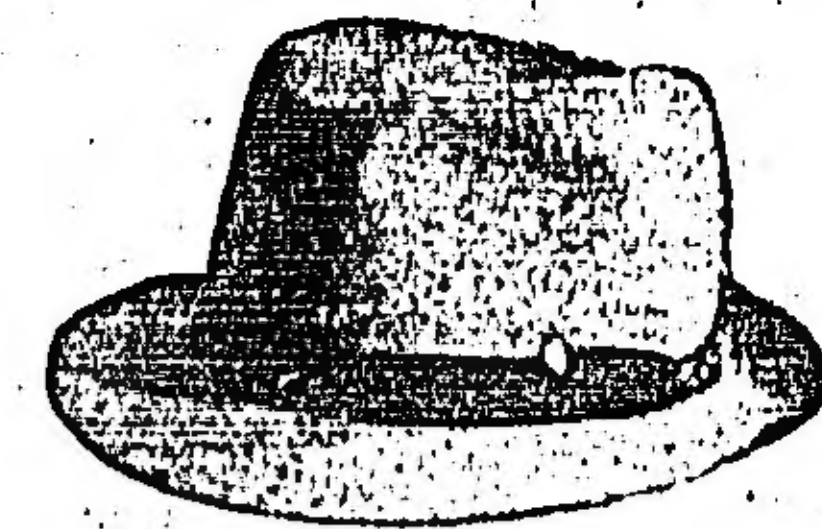
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and that they can only be interned if they touch land.

Norway Has Not Yielded
OSLO, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—"The Norwegian Government has not yielded to pressure from any side," declared M. Koht, the Norwegian Foreign Minister, commenting on Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

M. Koht added that in this case, as in all others, the Norwegian Government had striven only to comply with international law.

He maintained that the Altmark must be regarded as a warship and, therefore, had the right to be refused to be searched.

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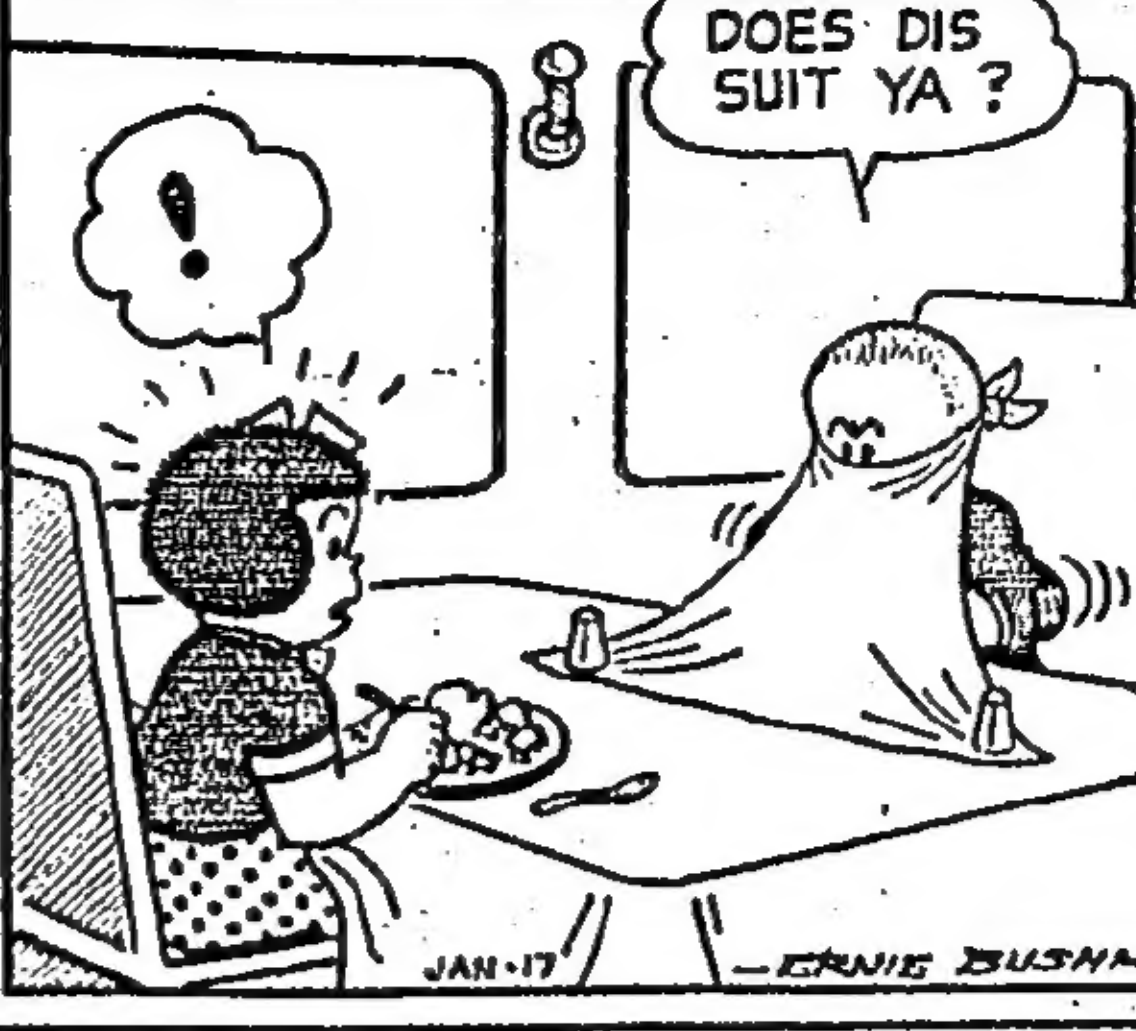
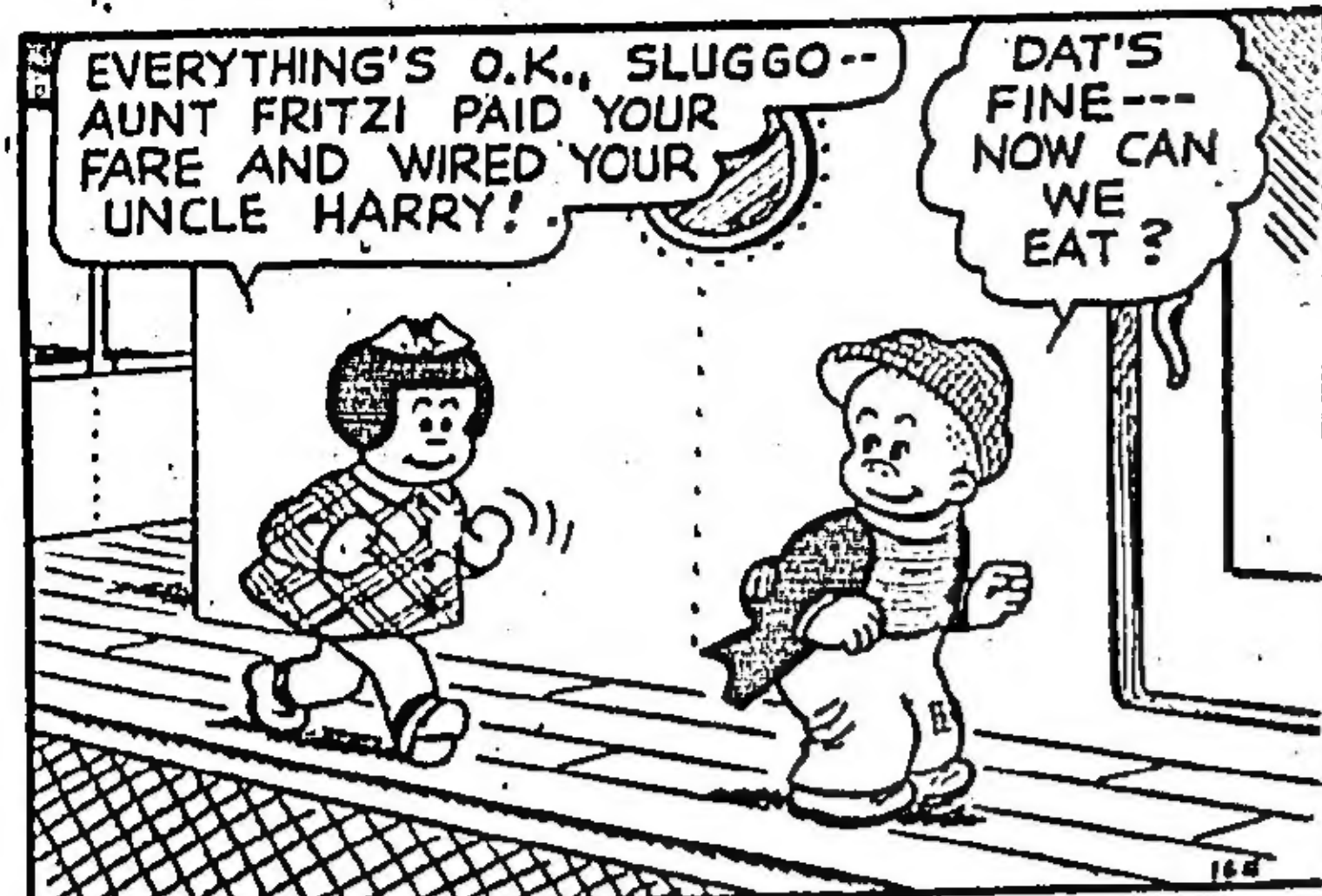
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

WESTERN FRONT

Marched Into Nazi Lines

How French Patrol Was Ambushed

PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Further details of the ambush in which 20 French soldiers were killed on Monday shows that it occurred when two lorries, packed with troops to relieve others in the Front Line, drove by mistake across No-man's-land into the German line.

The German outposts commanding that road raked the lorries with machine-gun fire and threw hand-grenades at them.

Great Thaw Sets In
The great thaw has now set in at the Front reducing everything to mud and water; hence operations are few and the sectors are generally calm with the exception of the Illers sector where sporadic exchange of fire has taken place between bases.

"Pravda" Attacks The Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Feb. 20 (Domei).—For the first time since the signing of the Russo-German Pact, sharp criticism of Germany has appeared in "Pravda," official organ of the Soviet Communist Party.

I.R.A. POLICY ATTACKED

DUBLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Leader of the Opposition in the Dail, Mr. Cosgrave, attacked the activities of the I.R.A. in a speech to his party. He said the I.R.A. policy, he said, would only bring dishonour to Ireland and make the solution of the partition problem more difficult.

Inspects Aussie Forces

JERUSALEM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Lieut. General Sir Archibald Wavell, British C-in-C. in the Middle East, has arrived in Palestine from Egypt to inspect the Australian troops.

Death Of Mayor Of Tokyo

TOKYO, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The death has occurred of the Mayor of Tokyo.

Anti-Communist Measure

BRUSSELS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Belgian Government yesterday introduced an anti-Communist Bill to deal with Communist propaganda which is financed from outside Belgium.

PREMIER ON THE ALTMARK EPISODE

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bility that Norway is being black-mailed by Germany into a position hostile to the Allies.

The "Free Press Journal" says: "The case for Norway lost all its strength when Norwegian officers reported that there were no prisoners aboard the Altmarek. It was Churchill who had to decide. He left the law to lawyers and ordered his sailors to board the Altmarek. This they did—and with spectacular success."

The Nationalist Press of New Delhi regards Norway's inability to prevent prisoners from being carried to Germany through her territorial waters as the real justification for the British violation of her neutrality.

London, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The following comments on the Altmarek incident have been made by American papers.

"World Telegram": "Friday's coup was justified on moral if not on technical grounds. The Altmarek was certainly no merchantman. It was a naval auxiliary and a prison ship for the Graf Spee."

"New York Sun": "The raid was daringly conceived and brilliantly carried out. The Norwegian officials accepted the word of the German Commander. Germany violated Norwegian neutrality."

"Boston Herald": "The attitude of Americans is probably identical with that of the British Government."

"Herald Tribune": "The most important Russian product for Germany, Soviet oil, appears to be largely problematical not only because of the lack of transportation but also because the Soviet petroleum industry has not kept up with the domestic consumption."

The following comments are made by Turkish papers:

"Ulus": "The British action in freeing prisoners wandering months under oppressive conditions is not only legally right but a humane duty."

"Hurriyet": "The fact that the Altmarek travelled 10,000 miles without loss proves the complete naval supremacy of Britain."

The Danish paper, "National Tidende," says: "It would be hypocritical if we here in Denmark pretended that we cannot sympathize with the British Navy's motives in taking action."

The Swiss paper, "Derbund," says: "Germany recently boasted that she dominated the North Sea. The British Navy has taken action and given an answer that will ring throughout the world."

He Was Lucky
LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Commenting on the German wireless admission that the captain of the Altmarek tried to ram the destroyer Cossack, an authoritative statement recalls the execution of Captain Fryatt during the last war by the Germans on a charge of having rammed a German submarine.

LEADING OWNERS

The following is the list of owners and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Cire	6	2	2
Lucky	3	3	3
L. Dunbar	2	2	1
Laun	2	2	1
Eve	2	1	1
Mrs. J. H. Taggart	1	1	1
Ellandee	1	1	1
J. F. Macgregor	1	1	1
Quartermaster	1	1	1
Yly	1	1	1
H. Leigh	1	1	1
S. M. K.	1	1	1
Mrs. A. F. Grasett	1	1	1
Diamond	1	1	1
Lee Bros.	1	1	1
Yick Chim	1	1	1
E. S. K.	1	1	1
Fan	1	1	1
G. Treverton	1	1	1
Cecilia	1	1	1
Necelandia	1	1	1
Li Po-chun	1	1	1
Unicorn	1	1	1
Marber	3	1	1
Mrs. Stanton	2	1	1
C. W. K.	2	1	1
Li Shui-hong	2	1	1
Thun Man-wa	1	1	1
S. W. Lee	1	1	1
Dr. S. N. Chau	1	1	1
S. L. K.	1	1	1
J. H. Jessen	1	1	1
John Peel	1	1	1
Kin Ora	1	1	1
Cocoon	1	1	1
S. T. Williamson	1	1	1
Mrs. Dunbar	1	1	1
Lady Northcote	1	1	1
Mrs. Eu Tong-sen	1	1	1
Viljula	1	1	1
Eu Tong-sen	1	1	1
T. G. Whitaker	1	1	1
T. E.	1	1	1
L. W. S.	1	1	1

LEADING JOCKEYS

The following is the list of jockeys and their successes to date:

	1st	2nd	3rd	Un.
R. B. Moller	6	1	1	1
P. Y. T. Wei	4	5	1	1
D. Black	4	4	1	1
H. C. Pih	3	3	1	1
H. V. A. Heanear	3	1	4	6
V. V. Needa	2	3	1	1
L. B. Chao	2	2	4	12
C. Encarnacao	2	1	4	14
S. C. Liang	2	1	1	8
G. P. Gram	1	3	2	12
F. Marshall	1	2	2	8
E. A. Proulx	1	2	3	3
W. H. S. Davis	1	1	1	10
S. W. Pan	1	1	1	10
B. L. Tao	1	1	1	14
Tang Man-wa	1	1	1	3
Ip Kuei-ying	1	1	1	8
H. M. Botelho	1	1	1	10
Ho Hung-peng	1	1	1	1
H. J. Cowie	1	1	1	1
S. Judd	1	1	1	1
G. Treverton	1	1	1	1
K. W. Fung	1	1	1	1
Yeung Wing-kwai	1	1	1	1
C. L. Gregory	1	1	1	1
S. W. Tang	1	1	1	1
R. M. Wood	1	1	1	1
H. Hong-ping	1	1	1	1
C. F. Chiu	1	1	1	1
L. H. Howell	1	1	1	1
Hoo Pak-ming	1	1	1	1
S. L. Yuen	1	1	1	1
W. G. Poy	1	1	1	1

Churchill Cheered

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—When Mr. Winston Churchill took his seat in the House of Commons to-day he was greeted with cheers.

man abuses of Norwegian territorial waters.

It is felt that the Altmarek incident has thrown a searchlight upon the German use of these waters.

It is declared that so long as these waters are used as artificial protection for the evasion of Allied control for acts of piracy, then the British and French navies will take whatever measures are necessary to defend their interests which are being injured by the passivity of the Norwegian authorities.

Altmarek Skipper's Broadcast
BERLIN, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—Captain Dau of the Altmarek, speaking on the German official wireless, said that the Altmarek at present is resting with her stern on the shore. Her rudder is broken and one propeller damaged.

He admitted that there were a few pistols aboard but asserted that they were never used.

WILL POETRY SURVIVE THE WAR?

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them which interpret nearly all our hopes and fears.

Soldier Poets
In 1914 something like the same response was made to the German challenge by a poet of the older school when, on August 6, William Watson published his sonnet "To the Troubler of the World," and in the months that followed wrote a series of poems on contemporary events, among them the resounding lines in which he acknowledged the offer of help made by the Indian Princes to the King-Emperor.

But though Watson's poetry will find an echo in British hearts to-day, as Wordsworth's does, it was poetry which seemed to mark the end of a tradition, and the new experience of a nation-in-arms was voiced not by Watson but by the numerous soldier-poets who arose. Brooke and Grenfell, Sorley and Owen fell in the conflict, but others like Nichols and Sassoon survived it. The note at first was jubilant and romantic, but as the war dragged on, it changed to one of cynicism and irony, and it is this note which has been uppermost in the poetry of recent years.

But the irony and the disillusion which inform much modern verse are, to some extent, a fashion, and they have not prevented poetry of a different kind from being written. Some of the finest poetry of the field, of de la Mare, and of Davies, belongs to the post-war years. Our poetry survived the last war and will survive this one, if its survival is merely a question of finding material to inspire it.

The Innovators
But there remains the other question—whether, in the modern world, poetry is demode, whether human nature has so changed that it no longer responds to the stimulus which poetry provides, whether it is unmoved by rhythmic utterance, undelighted by the jingling sound of like endings, unexcited by the rapture of the poet's vision.

Rhyme is, of course, no essential part of poetry, and there has been a tendency in recent times to abandon rhythm, which is at least an intrinsic part of verse and is perhaps essential to poetry as our civilisation understands it. But, indeed, the attempt to depart from rhythm has already practically exhausted itself. Besides being naturally allied to emotion, it is rhythm which helps to render utterance memorable. And we shall need memorable utterance in these epic days.

Modern verse may not, as it once did, shine with the sudden making of splendid names, but the struggle itself is titanic—

A Rome and Carthage war once more
And wider empires are the prize.
I shall be astonished if our civilisation has yet sunk so low as to let the poets, for it is poetry which gives life significance.

Russia Buys War Needs From America

New York, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The disclosure that strategic materials and machinery essential for war industries constituted almost 90 per cent. of Russian purchases from the United States since the outbreak of the war in Europe was made by the Department of Commerce, according to a "Dow Jones" Washington telegram.

Special analysis shows that exports to Russia for the five months ending January 31 totalled \$36,000,000 of which \$33,000,000 constituted war essentials.

British Warships Off Finland
PARIS, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—According to a Rome despatch, the Italian Press reports the presence of British cruisers near Pelsano, near which German ships enter the long passage of Norwegian waters.

It is stated that Germany has forced the Allies to consider these waters in a special light.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1890.
We are informed that the Committee appointed to arrange for the reception of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have submitted the proposed programme by telegraph. One of the functions planned is the laying of a Praya Reclamation foundation stone.

25 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1915.
The following will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club versus the Civil Servants on the Club ground on Saturday February 21—play will commence at 2 p.m.—Messrs. H. Hancock (Captain), E. N. Anderson, D. E. Donnelly, A. L. Grace, R. Kennedy, M. E. Mann, E. J. R. Mitchell, S. S. Moore, J. E. Pearce, H. H. Taylor and A. N. Other.

10 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1930.
Whatever the political leanings of the majority of Hongkong's business men may be we do not imagine that very many of them are likely to endorse over Lord Beaverbrook's idea of bringing the Mother Country and the Crown Colonies together as one unit under a fiscal system which he prefers to describe as Empire Free Trade.

5 YEARS AGO

Feb. 20, 1935.
The expectation that Chinese and Japanese clashes would now be permanently terminated, expressed by General Dohra, the Japanese soldier who has had a brilliant career in Manchuria, and who recently aired his views on the subject of Sino-Japanese relations in Shanghai, has favourably impressed the United States.

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940
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On Saturday, 17th, Monday, 19th, Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Members' Badges and Enclosures
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) will CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

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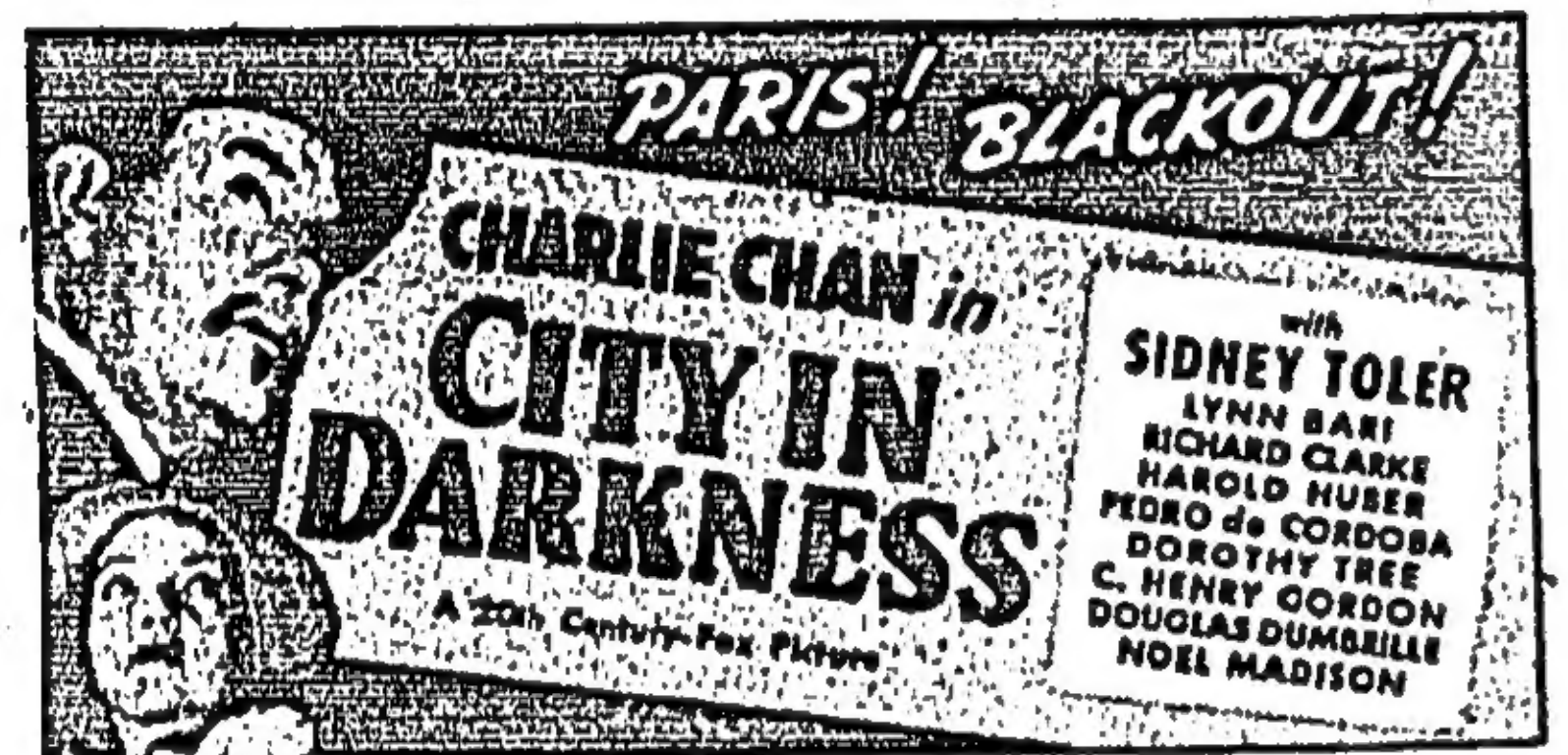
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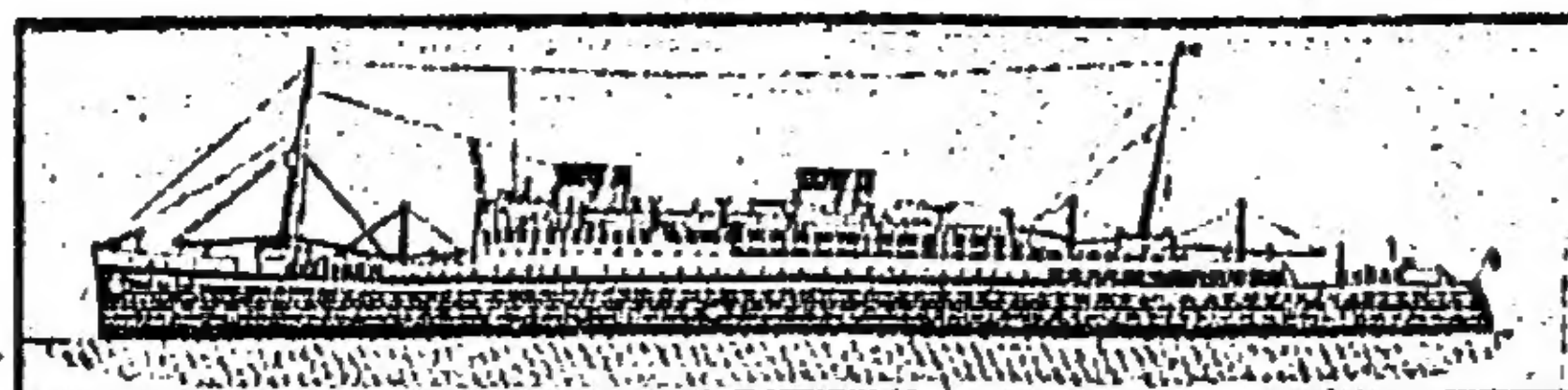
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THE BRITANNIC

Threat To Bomb Cunard Liner In N. Y. Harbour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Feb. 20 (UP).—A threat has been issued to bomb the famous White Star liner Britannic.
As a result a guard has been posted on the vessel, following a fruitless search by 20 detectives to-day following receipt of a telephonic message warning that an attempt would be made to destroy the liner.

The Britannic arrived in New York from Liverpool on Monday.

LATE NEWS

Soviet Advance Checked?

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—Military advances received in Helsinki state that three Soviet divisions north of Lake Ladoga are in difficulties, thanks to the fast-moving Finnish patrols.
As a result, the Red attempt to outflank the Mannerheim Line in the northern sector has been halted.
The Red divisions are the 6th, the 64th and the 104th. It will be recalled that the Red's 10th Division was wiped out in this sector early this month.
The 6th Division is now the hardest pressed and unofficial reports claim that it has been virtually destroyed. The 6th and 10th divisions between them are said to have lost 37,000 men killed or captured.
Field Marshal Mannerheim himself is personally directing these operations.

Japan Settles U.S. Disputes

TOKYO, Feb. 21 (UP).—The Foreign Office spokesman announces the settlement of 18 American protests. Ten have been settled in Tokyo and nine on the spot.
The cases resulted from the occupation and damage to American property, the majority occurring in the Shanghai area.

U.S. Mediation Welcomed

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—According to the Tokyo Correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph", the Japanese military spokesman said yesterday that any American help in effecting a settlement of the Sino-Japanese "incident" would be welcomed by Japan if it was carried out so as not to arouse misunderstanding in Japan.

Adrift Five Days

LONDON, Feb. 21 (Reuter).—After being adrift for five days in a crippled motor-boat, eleven survivors of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Teensud (?) landed yesterday on an island off the west coast of Eire.
Thirteen members of the crew are believed to be missing or drowned. The steamer was torpedoed off the west coast of Eire on February 15.

CHAMPIONS FIELD

Only three ponies faced the barrier in the Champion Stakes at 4.30 p.m. The race, main event in to-day's programme, commenced at 4.30 p.m. in fairly heavy rain.
Starters:
Quarter-master's BURFORD (161 lbs.), R. C. Pih up.
Dunbar's CONFUSION BAY (161 lbs.), D. Black up.
Cire's SATINLIGHT (161 lbs.), R. B. Moller up.
Satinlight was the winner of the 1940 Derby.

Sensational Rice Advance

THE PRICE of medium quality rice made a sensational advance of \$2 per picul (133lbs.) in Hongkong this morning, according to reports reaching the "Telegraph".
The reason for the sudden increase in price is believed to be a temporary embargo on export of rice imposed by the French Indo-China authorities.
However, the "Telegraph" is informed that this is insufficient reason for the rise from \$8.25 to \$10.25 per picul which has occurred, since the Colony is glutted with rice held in storage under the Government control system.
Owing to the race carnival, no official comment was available this afternoon.

THE CHAMPIONS

1-BURFORD
2-SATINLIGHT
3-CONFUSION BAY

Burford's time in the Champions was a record, clipping almost a second off the record established last year by Silkylight.
Satinlight went to the post a firm favourite, and led the field of three horses from the barrier around to the Football grandstand, when Burford drew level.

Satinlight made another bid as the three ponies entered the straight, but Burford was able to maintain his lead, and drew away to finish two lengths ahead of his rival at the finishing post, with Confusion Bay another three lengths back. The race was run in a fairly heavy drizzle.
Burford received a great ovation as he was led in to the weighing in paddock.

DAILY DOUBLE

King Kong and Courtling Eve paid \$25.40.

Holland-Germany Frontier Tension

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The Germans have imposed drastic restrictions on traffic between Germany and Holland at the frontier station of Glanerbeek, near Enschede, allowing none to pass who cannot prove that he is crossing the frontier for work or business reasons.
Goods traffic, however, is going through as usual.

MORE BRITISH AID FOR FINNS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Feb. 20 (UP).—The Minister to London visited Viscount Halifax at the British Foreign Office this afternoon.
They discussed the Russo-Finnish conflict and the developments in Scandinavia.
It is understood that they also examined the possibility of expediting and increasing shipments of British arms to Finland.

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Rubber Outlook Optimistic

Probable Effect Of Quota Decision

LONDON, Feb. 20 (Reuter).—The International Rubber Committee's decision to maintain the quota at 80 per cent for the second quarter is in accord generally to the market's expectation. Consequently, prices are not materially affected.
The decision means that the technical position will remain unchanged for at least two months, and if the trade demand does not relax in the near future, operators are of the opinion that there will be still larger backwardation of the forward positions.
This might encourage consumers to buy forward as a guarantee to meet eventual requirements, besides having the advantage of backwardation.
Some traders hope that the second quarter licences will be released in advance in an effort to bring relief to the nearer positions.

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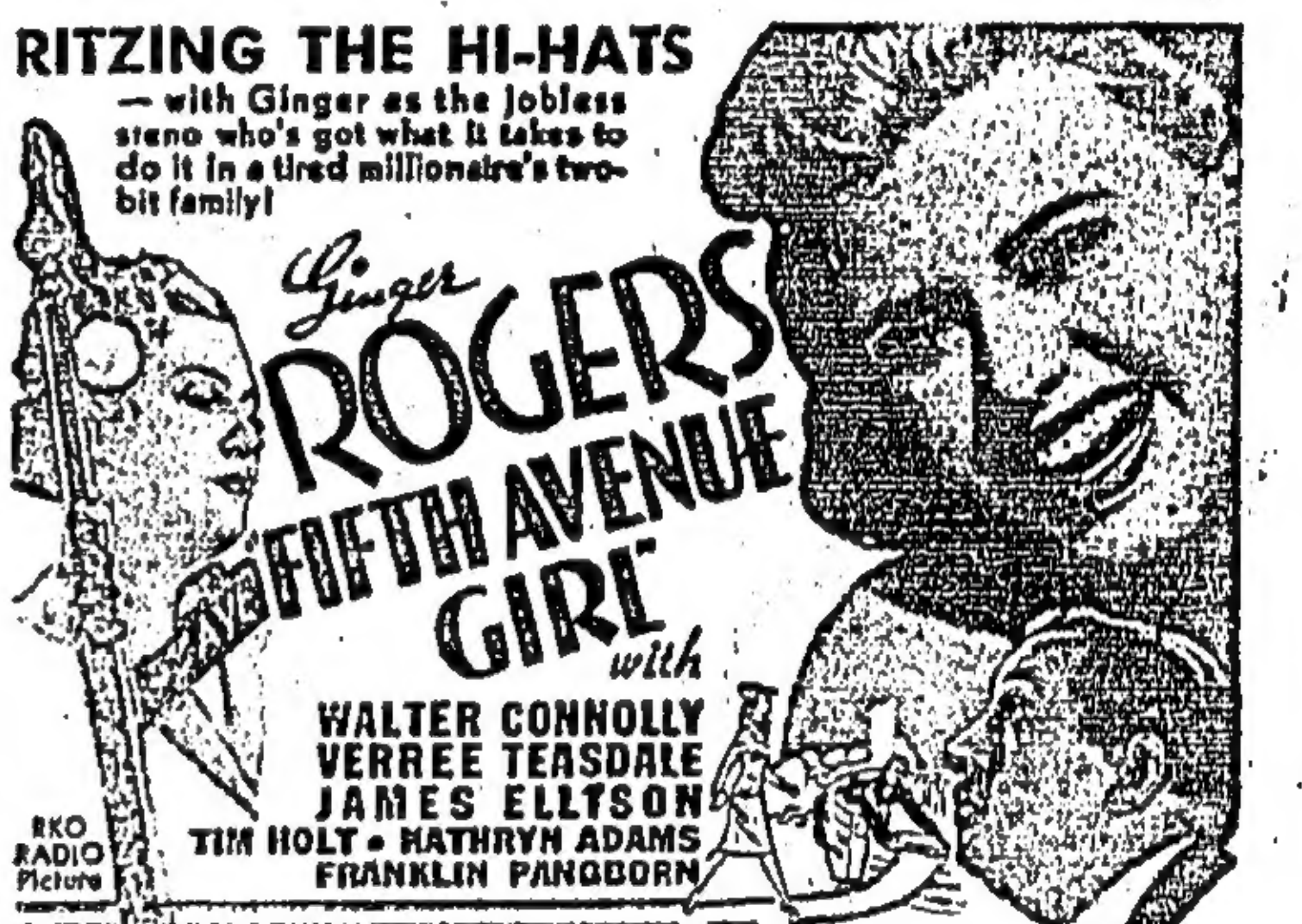
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DUTCH DEFENCE BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
AMSTERDAM, Feb. 20 (Domet).—The Netherlands Government to-day presented an additional military budget amounting to 40,000,000 guilders to the Diet.
The estimates include 25,000,000

European Robbed

Mr. W. M. Gitten, 4 Suffolk Road, had livestock to the value of \$11 stolen from his garden yesterday.
guilders for air defence, 13,000,000 guilders for the construction of aircraft including pursuit planes and 2,000,000 for the navy.

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